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INSTALLATION & OPERATION MANUAL



Preface

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DANGER

The Danger statement is used to inform the installer/operator of a situation requiring the utmost attention. Failure to heed this warning will result in serious injury or death to personnel and destruction of equipment.



WARNING

The Warning statement is used to inform the installer/operator of a situation requiring serious attention. Failure to heed this warning may result in serious injury or death to personnel and destruction of equipment.



CAUTION

The Caution statement is used to inform the installer/operator of a situation requiring attention. Failure to heed this Caution may result in injury to personnel and damage to equipment.



DANGER

La déclaration de danger sert à informer l'installateur/opérateur d'une situation particulière demandant une attention accrue. Tout manquement au respect de ces consignes de sécurité est susceptible de causer des blessures graves ou la mort de personnes et la destruction de matériel.



AVERTISSEMENT

La déclaration de danger sert à informer l'installateur/opérateur d'une situation particulière demandant une attention accrue. Tout manquement au respect de ces consignes de sécurité est susceptible de causer des blessures graves ou la mort de personnes et la destruction de matériel.



PRUDENCE

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

A/D	Analog to Digital Conversion
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
CFM	Cubic Feet per Minute
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DNS	Domain Name Service
DSP	Digital Signal Processor
DVI	Digital Video Interface
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
ESD	Electro Static Discharge
GFDI	Ground Fault Detector Interruptor
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IGBT	Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor
IP	Internet Protocol
LOTO	Lockout Tagout
MCM	1000 Circular Mils Utilized in Wire Sizing
MPPT	Maximum Power Point Tracking
NEC	National Electric Code
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
PLL	Phase Lock Loop
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PV	Photovoltaic
PVM	PV Monitoring
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
RMS	Root Mean Squared
UL	Underwriter's Laboratory
VAC	Voltage Alternating Current
VDC	Voltage Direct Current
VFD	Vacuum Fluorescent Display

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1. Introduction

1.1 Design Features

The PVP250kW, PVP260kW and PVP260kW-LV Inverters are designed to act exclusively as a grid-tied inverter for photovoltaic (PV) systems. This means the inverter must be tied to the utility grid and a photovoltaic system in order to operate properly and it is not suitable for any other applications (such as a battery back-up or wind powered systems). The inverter contains everything needed to convert the DC voltage generated by a solar array into AC electrical power. Because the inverter is tied to a local utility source, if local electrical load exceeds the power generated by the solar array, the grid automatically supplies the additional electricity needed. Likewise, if the inverter produces more power than is needed, it feeds the excess power back into the electrical grid.

This manual provides all the information necessary to successfully install and operate the PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters.

PVP250kW and PVP260kW Models

The PVP250kW model inverter can be factory configured with either a three-phase 600VAC or three-phase 480VAC output.

Two models of the PVP260kW are available: the PVP260kW and the PVP260kW-LV. The PVP260kW-LV is identical to the PVP260kW except that it is configured for low voltage 265VDC input.

Throughout the remainder of this manual the models are referred to as the PVP250kW and the PVP260kW. All information applies to each model unless stated otherwise.

Easy Installation

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters are built for easy installation. To minimize installation efforts, these inverters feature an integrated isolation transformer and integrated AC and DC disconnects in a compact single cabinet. The units can be ordered with a range of DC subcombiner designs for maximum adaptability for the desired system operating scheme.

Simple, Innovative Design

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters are a fully integrated solution with standard integrated data monitoring. Their modular design enables rapid field service and upgrades. The inverters can quickly and easily be installed in any preferred location, indoors or out.

Adaptability

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters' DC Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) range is 295VDC to 595VDC standard, with an optional 265 VDC input on the LV model. The maximum input voltage is 600VDC.

Versatility

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters are designed for flexibility. They can be used for a range of commercial applications and they can accommodate most PV system configurations.

1.2 Product Characteristics

See *Appendix A - Specifications* for the product specifications information.

1.3 Product Features

The design of the PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters includes:

- Redundant cooling blowers with fault detection
- Anti-islanding protection
- EMI input and output filtration
- Field-selectable voltage and frequency trip points
- Remote monitoring

Redundant Cooling System

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters are equipped with a redundant cooling system. The variable speed blowers with built-in backup capabilities enable the units to remain fully ventilated even if one of the blowers should fail. Blower status is reported as a warning shown on the display and through remote monitoring.

Anti-islanding Protection

An advanced anti-islanding monitoring function prevents the inverters from feeding power to the utility grid in the event of a utility outage.

EMI Input/Output Filters

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters utilize EMI input and output filters to prevent electromagnetic interference.

AC Overcurrent Protection

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters current monitoring system constantly monitors the AC current within the unit, limiting the inverter current output.

Remote Monitoring in a Dedicated Monitoring Section

All PV Powered commercial inverters come with a standard Ethernet data acquisition and communications interface module. With a high speed connection, this module can provide PV system performance data in the following ways:

1. Subscribe to the standard monitoring service on the mypvpower.com web site. This recommended method allows the user to track the PV system and inverter information online. This secure web site is provided by PV Powered and the Basic Monitoring Service is available to all registered users.
2. Provide data to incentive-based performance monitoring and reporting programs for third parties.

1.4 Major Components and Functional Parts Descriptions

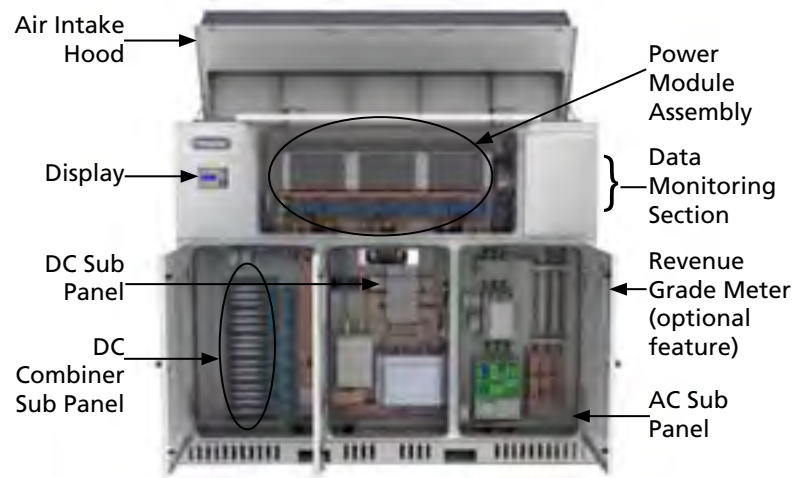


Figure 1-1 PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters

Main Enclosure

The modular design of the inverters makes them easy to access and service. The main enclosure (Figure 1-1) is comprised of two main sections:

1. The upper compartment contains the power conversion electronics, control Printed Circuit Boards (PCB), power distribution PCB, power supply and active cooling system. The upper right compartment contains the dedicated data monitoring section.
2. The lower and magnetics compartments house the following:
 - DC Combiner Sub Panel contains the optional fused subcombiner, optional subcombiner monitoring and the positive, negative and ground bars.
 - DC Sub Panel with integrated DC ground fault detector interrupter PCB and DC disconnects.
 - AC Sub Panel with AC output filtering, surge protection and AC connection points.
 - Magnetics Compartment contains the isolation transformer and inductors.

Power Module Assembly

The inverters use Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistors (IGBTs) for converting DC power into three-phase AC power. The inverters are protected by over-current, over-voltage and over-temperature detection controls. If a protection system is activated, the power module will cease power conversion and send an interrupt signal to the Digital Signal Processor (DSP).



Figure 1-2 Power Module Assembly

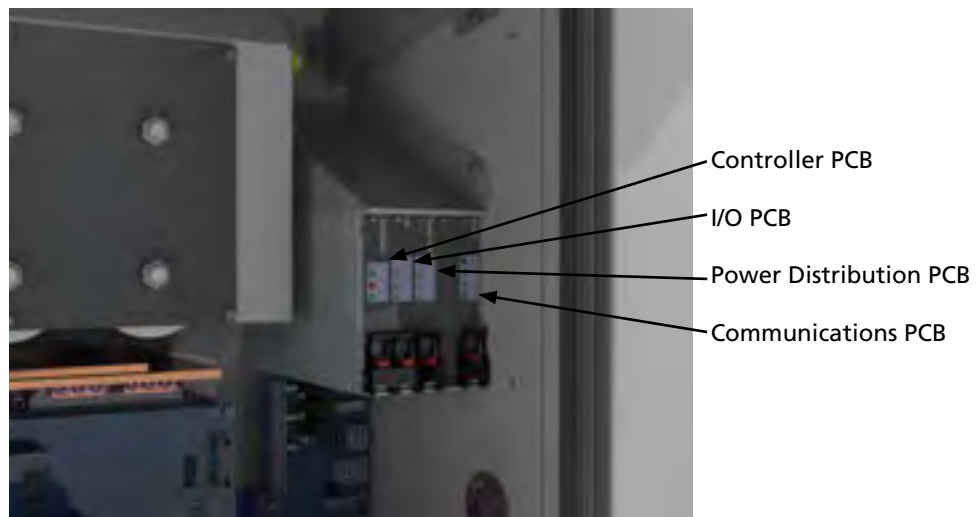


Figure 1-3 Card Cage Assembly

The Card Cage Assembly (Figure 1-3) is designed to enable fast and easy service and also acts as an EMI shield to ensure signal integrity on the following four PCBs:

1. Communications PCB – Provides serial, internet and Modbus communications.
2. Power Distribution PCB – Distributes the required logic level voltages for use throughout the inverter.
3. Controller PCB – Contains a powerful DSP that controls sine wave generation, logic functions and protection activities. All analog and digital inputs and outputs are routed to the Control PCB and fed to the DSP.
4. I/O PCB – Provides a central location for a range of input, output and control circuits.

The DSP is very efficient at computing control and signal processing tasks. The DSP also has built-in on-chip peripherals that include a Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) driver, Analog to Digital (A/D) converters and other related features.

Active Cooling

The inverters come with blowers which activate as needed to keep the internal components within preset temperature limits. These blowers are located under the air intake hood of the inverter.

Housekeeping Transformer

The housekeeping transformer, located in the bottom left of the AC sub panel, is a voltage conversion device that transforms 480VAC to 120VAC for use within the inverter.

Isolation Transformer

The inverter comes equipped with an integral isolation transformer (Figure 1-1, Rear View). The isolation transformer is designed for class-leading inverter efficiency.

Inductor

The inductor (Figure 1-1, Rear View) is used to filter the AC waveform generated by the power module, effectively reducing high frequency noise.

AC Sub Panel

The AC landing, filtering and sense fusing takes place in the AC sub panel (Figure 1-4). The AC sub panel also includes the main load-rated transformer contactors, AC disconnect, surge modules and the soft-start circuit.

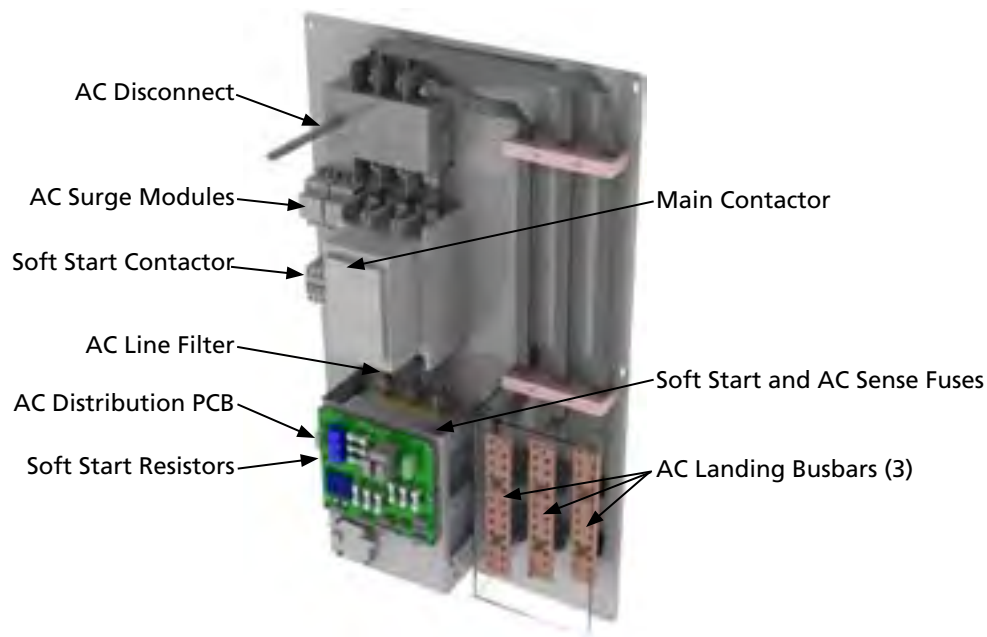


Figure 1-4 AC Sub Panel

AC Distribution PCB

The AC Distribution PCB (Figure 1-5) is located on the AC sub panel. The AC Distribution PCB contains:

- Soft-start circuitry
- Fusing for the soft-start circuit
- Fusing for the AC Sense Circuit and 48 VDC power supply
- Fusing for the optional 24 VDC balance of system power supply

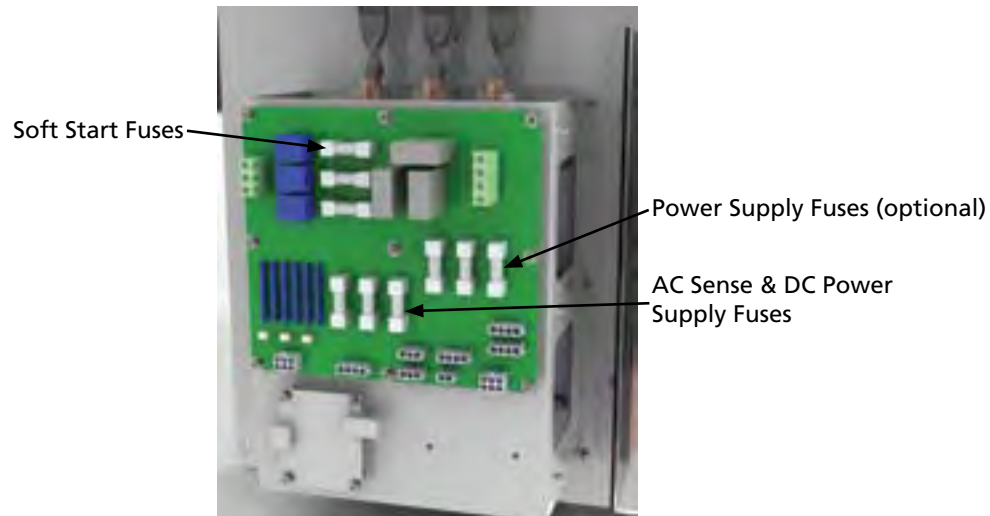


Figure 1-5 AC Distribution PCB

Comm X PCB

The Comm X PCB (Figure 1-6) is located in the Data Monitoring Section in the front upper right of the inverter. The Comm X PCB includes the RJ45 Ethernet port that is used to connect the inverter to the internet. The Comm X PCB also includes a Modbus master port (not enabled), a Modbus slave port and a DVI port that is used to connect the Comm X PCB to the main Communications PCB. A serial port is available for PV Powered service use only.

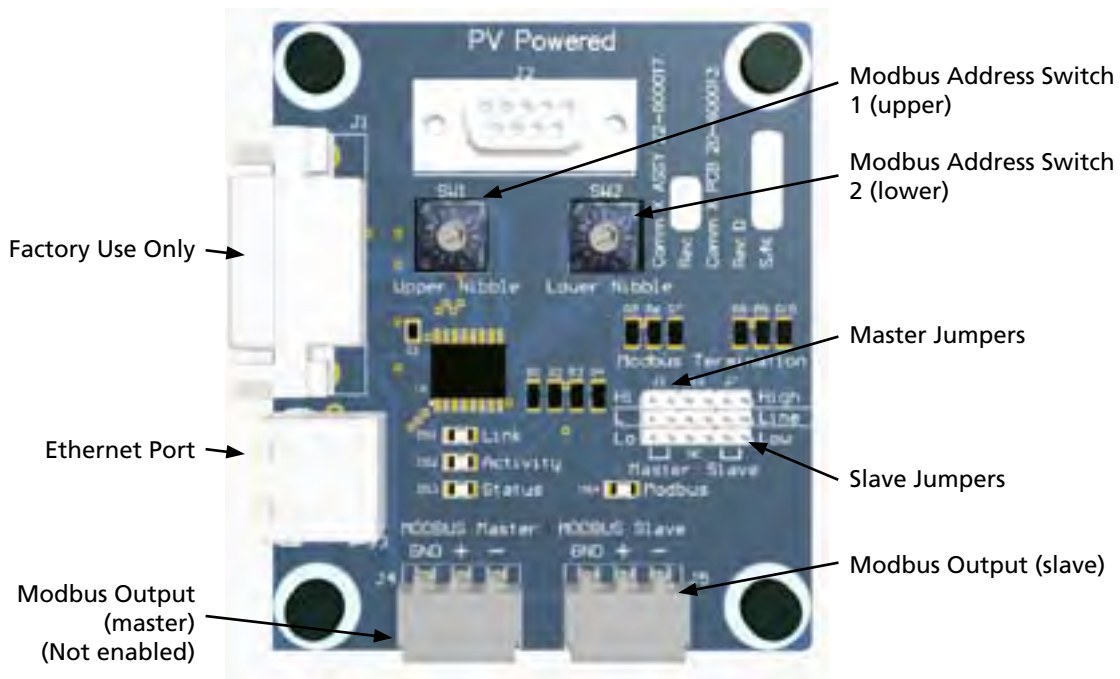


Figure 1-6 Comm X PCB

DC Sub Panel

This panel houses the DC disconnect, DC distribution PCB, fuses and integrated fused subcombiner box.

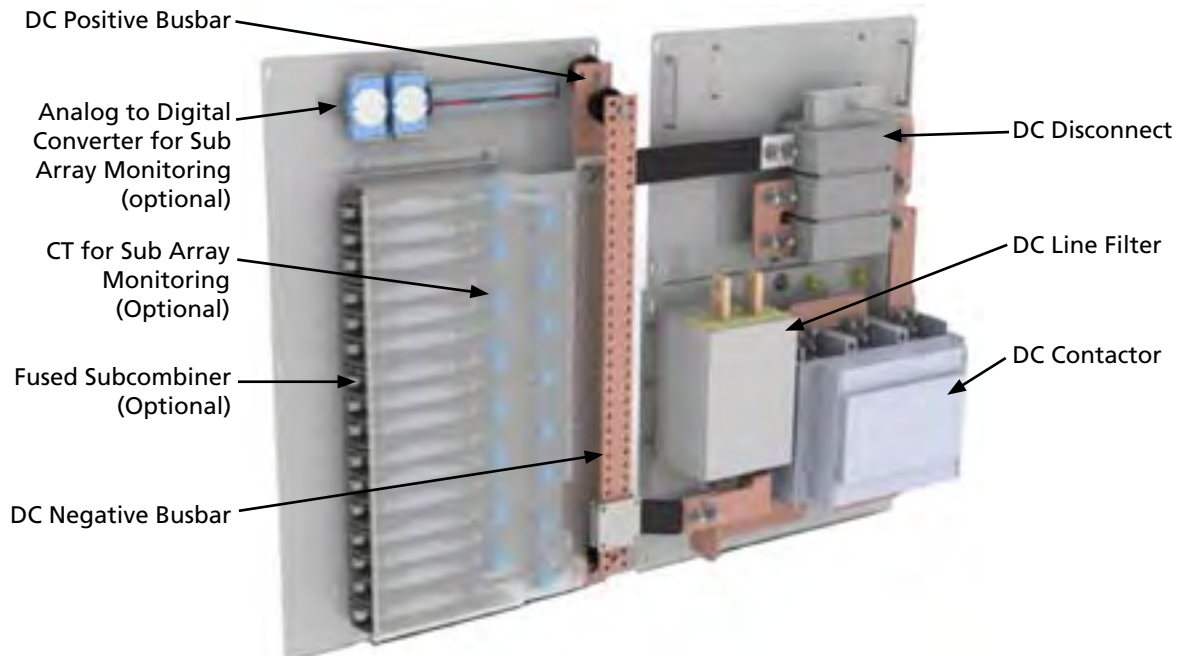


Figure 1-7 DC Combiner Sub Panel Shown with
16-Circuit Monitoring Subcombiner

DC Combiner Sub Panel

The inputs from the PV array are landed in the DC Combiner sub panel. This sub panel includes the positive, negative and ground busbars. Optional fused subcombiner and subcombiner monitoring are also located in the DC Combiner Sub Panel if selected.

DC Distribution PCB

The DC Distribution PCB is located on the DC sub panel. It includes the DC voltage sensing and DC soft start circuit. The DC Distribution PCB also houses the GFDI (Ground Fault Detector/Interrupter) circuit. The purpose of the GFDI is to detect a ground fault (unintended current flow from the solar panels to earth ground) and in the event of a ground fault, stop AC power production.



Figure 1-8 DC Distribution PCB



WARNING

Risk of Electrical Shock. The GFDI functions using a 5A fuse to connect or bond the solar array Negative (or the solar array Positive, if using a positively grounded panel array) to earth ground on the DC Distribution PCB.



AVERTISSEMENT

Risque d'électrocution. Le GFDI utilise un fusible de 5A pour connecter le pôle négatif du réseau de photopiles (ou le pôle positif, si un réseau est mis à la masse positivement) à la terre sur le PCB de distribution de courant direct.

If the ground fault current exceeds 5A between the grounded array terminal and the earth ground, the Ground Fault Detector Interrupter (GFDI) fuse will open and disconnect the solar panels from their ground reference, interrupting the ground fault. In this situation, the inverter will cease operation, display a fault message and the LED on the DC Distribution PCB will illuminate red. If a GFDI current of 3-5A exists, the inverter will indicate a ground fault warning.

Operator Interface Controls/Vacuum Fluorescent Display

The Vacuum Fluorescent Display (VFD) provides multiple information screens to the user.

Views and Basic Block Diagram of the Inverter

See “*Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings*” for multiple views of the inverter.

2. Safety

2.1 General Safety

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS: *This product has been engineered and manufactured to ensure your personal safety. Improper use may result in potential electrical shock or burns. Read and follow all instructions for installation, use and servicing of this product. Read all safety warnings before installing or operating the inverter.*

CONSIGNES IMPORTANTES DE SÉCURITÉ : *Ce produit a été conçu et fabriqué pour garantir la sécurité maximale des personnes. Une utilisation incorrecte est susceptible de causer une électrocution ou des brûlures. Lisez attentivement et suivez à la lettre les instructions d'installation, d'exploitation et de maintenance de ce produit. Lisez toutes les consignes de sécurité avant d'installer ou de mettre en route l'onduleur.*

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS: *This manual contains important instructions for the PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters that must be followed during installation and maintenance of the inverters.*

CONSERVEZ CES INSTRUCTIONS : *Ce manuel comprend des informations importantes concernant les procédures d'installation et de maintenance des modèles d'onduleur PVP250kW et PVP260kW.*

Symbols Utilized within the Inverter



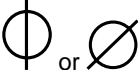


Item Type	Symbol
Direct Current Supply	
Alternating Current Supply	
Phase	
Equipment Grounding Conductor	
On or Off	

Table 2-1 Inverter Symbols

Equipment Precaution/ Warning Labels

Observe all warning decals, placards and symbols posted within the inverter for safe operation.

Handling, Service and Maintenance

Only qualified personnel should perform the transportation, installation and initial operation and maintenance of the inverters in accordance with NEC ANSI/NFPA 70, as well as all state and local code requirements. Follow all national and state accident prevention regulations.



WARNING

Crush Hazard. The inverter has a specific balance point that correlates to their Center of Gravity. While the units meet UL1741 and CSA 107.1-1. Stability tests, they should not be tipped beyond 10° of tilt, as the unit could topple over and crush anyone trapped underneath.



AVERTISSEMENT

Risque d'écrasement. L'onduleur est équilibré en fonction d'emplacements correspondant à son centre de gravité. Bien que l'unité soit conforme aux essais de stabilité UL1741 et CSA 107.1-1, elle ne doit pas être penchée à un angle de plus de 10° qui provoquerait un renversement susceptible d'écraser toute personne se trouvant à proximité.



WARNING

Risk of Amputation. The inverter contains a pair of high volume blowers capable of high rotational speeds. Do not operate the inverter without the air intake hood in place. Keep away from unguarded blower blades.



AVERTISSEMENT

Risque d'amputation. L'onduleur est équipé de deux ventilateurs de haut débit capables de vitesses rotationnelles élevées. Ne faites pas fonctionner l'onduleur sans les capots d'arrivée d'air. Maintenez-vous à distance des lames du ventilateur.

2.2 Electrical Safety

Islanding Prevention - Electrical Safety Features

The inverters are designed for safety, reliability and efficiency. Power for the inverters' control circuitry is drawn from the utility grid. This ability, along with an advanced anti-islanding scheme, ensures power can never be generated during a utility grid failure. The isolation transformer guarantees isolation of the utility grid and PV modules. The inverter also incorporates an integral ground fault detector/interrupter (GFDI) circuit.



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. High voltages are present within the inverter cabinet. Both AC and DC disconnects must be in the OFF position when working on the unit. Wait five minutes to discharge high voltage before opening the front panels of the inverter.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. L'intérieur de l'onduleur est soumis à des hautes tensions. Les interrupteurs de courant alternatif et continu doivent être mis HORS TENSION durant les travaux sur l'unité. Attendez cinq minutes afin de permettre la décharge du courant haute tension avant de démonter les panneaux avant de l'onduleur.



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. When exposed to light, PV arrays create electrical energy that could cause a hazardous condition.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. Lorsqu'elles sont exposées à la lumière, les piles photovoltaïques génèrent un courant électrique susceptible de causer des conditions dangereuses.



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. Before connecting the inverter to the electrical utility grid, your utility company must grant approval. Only qualified electricians should make the connection to the utility grid.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. L'autorisation officielle de votre compagnie locale d'électricité est requise avant de brancher l'onduleur sur le réseau public. Seul le personnel qualifié est autorisé à brancher le dispositif sur le réseau public d'électricité.



CAUTION

Risk of Electrical Shock. All electrical installations should be accomplished in accordance with the National Electrical Code (NEC), ANSI/NFPA 70, or applicable state or local standards. Installations in Canada should be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code or applicable provincial or local standards.



PRUDENCE

Risque d'électrocution. Toutes les installations électriques doivent être effectuées conformément au code national de l'électricité (CNE), à la norme ANSI/NFPA 70, ou aux normes applicables de l'état ou locales. Les installations au Canada devraient être effectuées conformément au code électrique canadien ou aux normes applicables provinciales ou locales.



WARNING

Risk of Burn. The inverter components can become extremely hot during normal operation. Use caution when working around the heat sink area.



AVERTISSEMENT

Risque de brûlure. Certaines parties de l'onduleur peuvent atteindre des températures considérables durant une exploitation normale. Soyez prudent durant les travaux autour du puits thermique.



WARNING

Risk of Damage to Equipment. The inverter contains Electro Static Discharge (ESD) sensitive circuitry. Discharge any static charge potential, by touching bare skin to earth ground, prior to contacting any internal components.



AVERTISSEMENT

Risque d'endommagement matériel. L'onduleur est équipé de circuits sensibles aux décharges d'électricité statique (DES). Déchargez toute accumulation d'électricité statique en mettant la peau nue en contact direct avec la terre avant de toucher un composant interne.

Disconnect Switches

The unit is equipped with both AC and DC Disconnect (power OFF) switches to stop power conversion within the inverter unit. Before accessing the interior of the cabinet, these switches must be in the off position. Since these disconnects only stop power conversion within the unit, both the DC (photovoltaic array) and AC (utility grid) circuits must be isolated in order to fully ensure the inverter is de-energized. See section 2.5 *De-energize/Isolation Procedures* for information on how to perform this task.



DANGER

AC and DC voltages will still be present at the inverter AC and DC landing points unless utility connection circuit breaker and PV array inputs are disconnected.



DANGER

Les voltages alternatifs et continus seront toujours présents aux points de contact CA et CC de l'onduleur à moins que les disjoncteurs du réseau public et que les alimentations des piles PV ne soient débranchés.



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. Allow five (5) minutes for internal power to dissipate prior to entering the enclosure cabinet. Ensure all terminals are voltage free with the use of a multimeter.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. Laissez passer cinq (5) minutes afin de permettre la dissipation du courant interne avant d'ouvrir les panneaux du dispositif. Utilisez un multimètre sur toutes les bornes afin de confirmer l'absence de courant.

2.3 Personal Safety

Safety Zone

Ensure any personnel entering a safety zone within a four foot area around any operating inverter wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as mandated by national, state and local authorities.

Medical and First Aid Treatment

Personnel working in and around operating power generation equipment should be trained in Arc Flash Hazard, Fire Extinguisher selection and use, First Aid, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use (if available).

Safety Equipment

Minimum Requirements

Authorized service personnel performing operations on this unit should have the following available:

- Consult NFPA 70E, or applicable local standards, for PPE requirements on switch gear operating at less than 600V
- Electrical Hazard Footwear (ANSI Z41/Z85 rated)
- Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO) Kit
- Appropriate meter to verify the circuits are safely de-energized (1000VAC and DC rated, minimum)
- Any other equipment as applicable to your operation as required by national, state and local regulations

2.4 Wiring Requirement



WARNING

In accordance with the NEC and ANSI/NFPA70 or applicable Canadian Electrical Code, connect only to a circuit with a properly rated maximum branch circuit overcurrent protection. Recommended ratings are:

Model	480VAC	600VAC
PVP250kW	400A	350A
PVP260kW	400A	N/A
PVP260kW-LV	400A	N/A

**AVERTISSEMENT**

Conformément au code national de l'électricité et à la norme ANSI/NFPA70, ou au code électrique canadien applicable, l'installation électrique ne doit se faire que sur un circuit équipé d'un circuit de dérivation de protection contre les surintensités calibré correctement. Les spécifications recommandées sont les suivantes:

Model	480VAC	600VAC
PVP250kW	400A	350A
PVP260kW	400A	N/A
PVP260kW-LV	400A	N/A

Fire and Explosion Prevention

Care must be exercised when installing DC and AC hookups within the inverter. Follow all instructions in this manual to ensure proper and safe operation of this unit.

**DANGER**

Risk of Electrical Shock. In the event of a fire, disconnect power to the inverter and do not attempt to use a water based fire extinguisher. Utilize only a Class C extinguisher rated for electrical fire.

**DANGER**

Risque d'électrocution. Dans l'éventualité d'un incendie, débranchez l'onduleur du secteur et n'utilisez pas d'extincteur à base aqueuse. Utilisez uniquement les extincteurs de classe C conçus pour combattre les feux électriques.

Wiring Information

All wiring methods and materials shall be in accordance with the NEC and ANSI/NFPA 70 as well as all state and local code requirements. Installations in Canada should be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code or applicable provincial or local standards. Use only conductors with an insulation rating of 90°C (minimum).

The inverters are interfaced with the DC photovoltaic array in the DC Combiner sub panel which includes a positive, negative and grounded busbar. The PV array is grounded internally by means of the GFDI.

**DANGER**

Do not connect the PV negative or positive conductors to the ground busbars provided. The PV array is grounded through the integral GFDI. Connecting the PV array positive or negative conductors to ground at any other point in the system would defeat the ground fault protection circuit.



DANGER

Ne branchez pas les conducteurs photovoltaïques positifs ou négatifs à la barre omnibus de mise à la terre fournie. Les piles PV sont mises à la terre grâce au GFDI intégral. Mettre les conducteurs positifs ou négatifs à la terre à tout autre point du système ne permettrait pas au circuit de protection contre les mises à la masse défectueuses de fonctionner normalement.

The inverters can also be ordered with an optional fused subcombiner. The standard busbar has two rows of 3/8" holes for lug connections. The fused subcombiners have individual input terminals for each fuse block. These terminals require the use of a torque wrench to properly install the chosen interface cables. For proper torque values of DC subcombiner box wire mounting hardware, see *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*.

The inverters are factory configured with either a three-phase 480VAC or three-phase 600VAC output (PVP260kW is 480VAC only). The inverter is interfaced with the utility grid at the AC landing within the AC section on the front right side of the inverter. These terminals require the use of a UL-approved crimp-on type ring terminal or a UL-approved compression type lug certified for use with the chosen interface cables. Ensure similar cables run together in conduit runs and through gland plates, which allows any inductive currents produced to be cancelled out. For proper torque values of terminal lugs mounting hardware, see *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*.



CAUTION

Risk of Equipment Damage. There shall be no connection of the AC Neutral terminals (H0 and X0) on the main transformer. These connections shall be left floating.



PRUDENCE

Risque d'endommagement matériel. Aucun branchement ne doit être effectué sur les bornes neutres de CA (H0 et X0) du transformateur principal. Ces bornes doivent être libres de tout branchement.

This equipment is intended to be installed as part of a permanently grounded electrical system as per the NEC (Canadian Electrical Code for Canada) and ANSI/NFPA 70 or applicable state or local standards. A copper clad earth grounding electrode must be installed within three feet (one meter) of the unit. The AC ground busbar located in the AC section, lower front cabinet, must be used as the single point connection to the earth grounding electrode for the inverter system.

AC overcurrent protection for the utility interconnect (grid-tied) must be provided by installers as part of the installation. The following overcurrent protection device ratings are recommended:

Model	480VAC	600VAC
PVP250kW	400A	350A
PVP260kW	400A	N/A
PVP260kW-LV	400A	N/A

Table 2-2 Branch Breaker Size Recommendations

2.5 De-energize/Isolation Procedures

**DANGER**

AC and DC voltages will still be present at the inverter AC and DC landing points unless utility connection circuit breaker and PV array inputs are disconnected.

**DANGER**

Les voltages alternatifs et continus seront toujours présents aux points de contact CA et CC de l'onduleur à moins que les disjoncteurs du réseau public et que les alimentations des piles PV ne soient débranchés.

**DANGER**

Risk of Electrical Shock. Allow five (5) minutes for internal power to dissipate prior to entering the enclosure cabinet. Ensure all terminals are voltage free with the use of a multimeter.

**DANGER**

Risque d'électrocution. Laissez passer cinq (5) minutes afin de permettre la dissipation du courant interne avant d'ouvrir les panneaux du dispositif. Utilisez un multimètre sur toutes les bornes afin de confirmer l'absence de courant.

De-energize

The following procedure should be followed to de-energize the inverter for maintenance:

1. Turn the ON/OFF switch on the front display to the OFF position.
2. Position the AC Disconnect lever to the OFF position as shown in Figure 2-1.
3. Position the DC Disconnect lever to the OFF position as shown in Figure 2-1.
4. Open the utility connection circuit breaker (not shown) or overcurrent protection device (breaker or disconnect).
5. Disconnect the PV using the external PV disconnect (not shown).
6. Install LOTO devices on the equipment as necessary to comply with LOTO requirements.



Figure 2-1 Inverter in the De-energized State

3. Planning

3.1 General Requirements

Installation of this equipment should only be performed by qualified technicians. Installers must meet all local and state code requirements for licensing and training for the installation of Electrical Power Systems with AC and DC voltages to 600 volts.

The inverter must be anchored to a concrete pad. The mounting pad must meet local seismic requirements. See *Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings* for concrete pad mounting specifications.

Planning

Planning for a system requires complete understanding of the processes involved to successfully install the inverters and meet all required local, state and national codes.

3.2 Handling

Inverters weigh up to 5,200 pounds with their pallet and packaging. If the inverter is improperly handled serious damage can occur and the warranty may be voided. Only use lifting equipment, a forklift or pallet jack, that is rated for the weight of the inverter. Only use the specified lifting points. Leave the inverter on its shipping pallet with the protective plastic wrap in place until it is time to install.

3.3 Location and Clearances

Location

Select a suitable location to install the inverter. The inverter must be installed on a flat, solid surface, such as a concrete pad. The inverter should be located as close to the array as possible to minimize the DC wire length.

Inverters are capable of emitting high frequency switching noise and should be located away from noise sensitive areas that are populated by people or animals.

Clearances

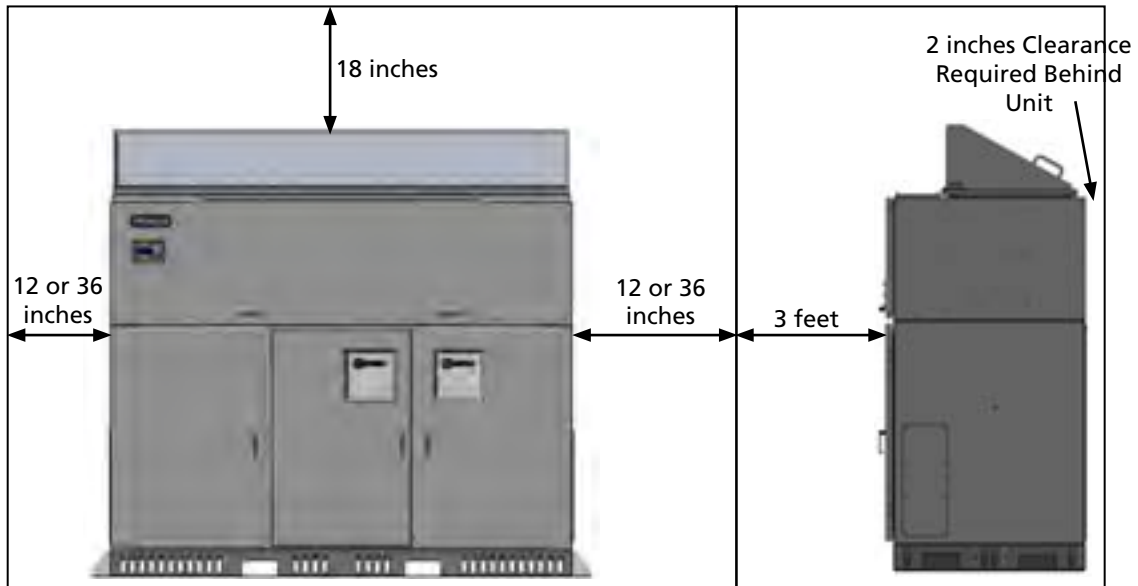
Left and Right Sides – PV Powered recommends providing a minimum of 12 inches of clearance on one side of the inverter and 36 inches on the other side (working clearances must also comply with NEC 110.26 or applicable Canadian Electrical Code) to allow access to the external mounting flanges. The installer may select which side has a 36 inch clearance. The 36 inches will provide future access to the magnetics section for retorquing bolts and thermal scans of connections. However, the 36 inches on the side is not a NEC setback requirement. 12 inches on each side is an acceptable installation practice.

Rear – A rear clearance of two (2) inches is required behind the inverter to allow room for full opening of the air intake hood.

Front – A front clearance of three (3) feet is required to open and maintain the unit per NEC 110.26 or applicable Canadian Electrical Code.

Top – A top clearance of 18 inches above the air intake hood is required to maintain the filters and blowers.

Clearances are shown in the figure below.



1. Only one side, right or left, is recommended to have the full 36" clearance while the remaining side must have 12". The above example demonstrates 12" on the left with 36" on the right side. This allows access to the magnetics section for retorquing bolts and thermal scan of connections. This is not an NEC setback requirement and 12" on each side is an acceptable installation practice.

Figure 3-1 Inverter Clearances

3.4 Conduits and Conductors

All the external conduits and conductors are to be supplied by the installer. See *Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings* for inverter gland plate locations. The gland plates must be in place for operation of the inverter.

All interconnect wiring and power conductors interfacing to the inverter must be in accordance with the NEC and ANSI/NFPA 70 or applicable state or local standards. Installations in Canada should be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code or applicable provincial or local standards.

Large gauge wire must conform to the minimum bend radius specified in the NEC, Article 373-6B, Ninth Edition and all applicable local codes.

All conductors shall be rated for 90°C (minimum).

External Cable Interfaces: Entry through bottom or side gland plates. See *Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings* for details.

3.5 Environmental Requirements

The unit may be installed either indoors or outdoors. If the installation of the inverter is outdoors, all interconnect conduit and fittings must be rated NEMA 4 (same as inverter rating) as required by the NEC. For hot locations a shade structure should be placed over the unit in order to reduce thermal stress and extend the product's life.

Inverter power output will be de-rated for ambient temperatures in excess of 50°C/122°F.

Clearances: Front = 3 feet, Rear = 2 inches, Sides = 12 or 36 inches, Top = 18 inches.

Cooling Air Requirements: The maximum cooling air flow rate is 2300 CFM. No external intake or exhaust air ports in the building are required if volume needs are met.

The maximum heat rejection rate is 41,000 BTU/hr.

3.6 Grounding and Neutral Requirements

PV Array Frame Grounding

The inverter incorporates an integral GFDI device. The PV array safety ground (frame ground) may be attached to the grounding busbar provided. The grounding busbar is located below the DC sub panel in the front left of the inverter cabinet. The PV array is grounded internally by means of the GFDI.



DANGER

Do not connect the PV negative or positive conductors to the ground busbars provided. The PV array is grounded through the integral GFDI. Connecting the PV array positive or negative conductors to ground at any other point in the system would defeat the ground fault protection circuit.



DANGER

Ne branchez pas les conducteurs photovoltaïques positifs ou négatifs à la barre omnibus de mise à la terre fournie. Les piles PV sont mises à la terre grâce au GFDI intégral. Mettre les conducteurs positifs ou négatifs à la terre à tout autre point du système ne permettrait pas au circuit de protection contre les mises à la masse défectueuses de fonctionner normalement.

The inverter is shipped pre-configured with positive or negative PV array grounding based on the preference provided at the time of order.



CAUTION

The inverter may be factory configured for either positive or negative ground. It may NOT be field configured to a different grounding once it is shipped from the factory. To identify if your inverter is configured for positive or negative ground read the label next to the DC landing busbar. Verify that the grounding configuration matches your installation grounding plan. If you need to reconfigure the ground, contact PV Powered for assistance. DO NOT ground either DC lead at the time of installation. This will defeat the integral GFDI circuit.



PRUDENCE

L'onduleur est susceptible d'être configuré en usine pour une mise à la masse positive ou négative. Une fois que l'unité est expédiée de l'usine, la configuration de mise à la masse ne doit EN AUCUN CAS être changée sur les lieux d'installation. Pour vérifier si la configuration de masse est positive ou négative, référez-vous à l'étiquette localisée à côté de la barre omnibus CC. Assurez-vous que la configuration de masse correspond à la polarité planifiée de votre installation. Si vous devez reconfigurer la masse, contactez PV Powered pour obtenir une assistance technique. NE BRANCHEZ AUCUN fil CC à la masse durant l'installation. Ceci ne empêcherait le circuit GFDI de fonctionner normalement.

System Neutral



WARNING

The AC output/neutral must not be bonded to ground within the equipment.



AVERTISSEMENT

La sortie et le neutre CA ne doivent pas être branchés à la masse à l'intérieur du dispositif.

NOTE: The inverter has been certified to UL1741 and CSA 107.1-1 for installation without a neutral conductor. Do NOT pull a neutral conductor from the AC service panel to the inverter.

Tools Required

The following tools are required to complete the installation of the inverter:

- 9/16 inch socket wrench
- 9/16 inch open-ended wrench
- 3/8 inch, 3/16 inch, 5/16 inch and 5/32 inch Allen wrenches (Allen wrench adaptor for a socket wrench recommended)
- Digital multimeter (1000V rated)
- 1/4 inch flat blade (common) screwdriver

- #1 and #2 Phillips screwdriver
- Wire strippers
- Utility knife
- 0-120 inch/pound torque wrench
- 0-50 foot/pound torque wrench
- 600 volt rated fuse puller/pliers
- Tools for installing anchor bolts
- RJ45 crimping tool (if making a custom CAT5 cable)

3.7 Grid Interconnection

Utility Connection Requirements

Review all NEC 690 or applicable state or local standards. NEC 690 has specific requirements for the size of the electrical service and the amount of current that is allowed to be fed into the panel by the inverter. Installations in Canada should be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code or applicable provincial or local standards.

Contact your Local Utility

Contact your electrical utility before connecting the inverter to ensure there are no local restrictions or special requirements. Your local utility company may require specific inspections, equipment, or other procedures not covered in this document.

Voltage Outputs

This inverter was designed to be connected to three phase power. The AC output voltage will be for either a 480VAC or 600VAC in Y (WYE) configuration. Do not attempt to change the output voltage of the inverter.

AC and DC power requirements are shown in *Appendix A - Specifications*.

3.8 Monitoring

The inverter is equipped with a Data Monitoring Module that can be used to post data to the internet via a broadband Ethernet connection or by connecting to a local Modbus network via RS-485. To use the Modbus communications option refer to *Chapter 5, Modbus Network Installation*. To connect the Data Monitoring Module to the site's LAN, refer to section *4.6 Performance Monitoring and Networking*. For instructions on installing and using the Data Monitoring Module, or if your site does not have a broadband Ethernet connection available, contact PV Powered Customer Service and Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832 for assistance.

3.9 DC Subcombiner (Optional)

The inverter comes with standard positive and negative busbars for landing DC inputs from the PV array. Optional eight, 16 and 20 circuit internal subcombiner boxes are available as shown in the figure below. In addition, the eight and 16 circuit subcombiners can be ordered with monitoring on each input circuit.



8 Circuit Option



16 Circuit Option



20 Circuit Option



8 Circuit with
Monitoring Option



16 Circuit with
Monitoring Option

Figure 3-2 DC Subcombiner Box Options

No Fuse Option

It is the responsibility of the installer to provide proper fuse protection for the DC input circuit if an optional fused subcombiner is not selected.

3.10 PV Array Input

The PV array open circuit voltage should never exceed 600 volts. The PV Powered web site at renewables.advanced-energy.com/StringCalculator.aspx includes a string calculator. Contact your system installer or PV Powered if you require additional assistance.

4. Installation

4.1 Handling and Unpacking

This section describes the required safe handling and unpacking procedures for the PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters. Always follow the recommendations in this section to prevent accidental damage or injury.



WARNING

Heavy Equipment. PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters weigh up to 5,200 pounds with pallet and packaging. If the inverter is lifted incorrectly, it may result in death. In addition, improper handling may result in serious damage to the inverter and may also void the warranty. Keep all doors securely closed while moving the inverter. Only use lifting equipment that is rated for the weight of the inverter. Only use the specified lifting points.



AVERTISSEMENT

Équipement lourd. Les onduleurs de modèles PVP250kW et PVP260kW, les palettes les supportant et leur emballage pèsent un maximum de 2 270 kg. Un levage incorrect de l'onduleur peut entraîner la mort. De plus, une manipulation inadéquate est susceptible d'endommager gravement l'unité et d'annuler la garantie. Assurez-vous que toutes les portes sont bien fermées avant de déplacer l'onduleur. Utilisez seulement un équipement homologué pour lever l'onduleur. Utilisez seulement les points de levage spécifiés.

Handling

The inverter can be handled using a forklift or pallet jack that is rated to handle a minimum of 5,000 pounds.

To unload the inverter from the delivery vehicle onsite:

- Lift and move the inverter using the shipping pallet. Do not penetrate the packaging or use the inverter base for unloading.

Leave the inverter on its shipping pallet with its protective plastic wrap in place to alleviate any UV concerns if it is stored outside, until it is time to install.

When the inverter is ready to be placed in its mounting location, complete the following steps:

1. Remove the protective plastic wrap.
2. Remove all bolts that anchor the inverter to the pallet.
3. Plan for a safe move by first considering the inverter's center of gravity.

Note: *The center of gravity is toward the back, lower third of the inverter and centered side to side. See Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings to view the center of gravity location.*

4. Lift the inverter off the pallet using the forklift slots on the front or back. The left and right fork slots are not designed for lifting the inverter and may only be used for fine adjustments where the inverter's full weight will not be lifted from a single side.

The front and back of the inverter base each have two fork slots that are 7.5" wide and 26.5" apart on center. The left and right sides of the inverter base each have two fork slots that are 7.5" wide and 21" apart on center.

4.2 Pre-Installation Inspection Steps

Before placing and installing the inverter, it should be inspected to identify possible external and internal shipping damage. If a problem is identified during any of these inspection steps please contact PV Powered's Customer Service and Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832, or email support@pvpowered.com.

Step 1: External Inspection

Inspect the shipping materials and inverter for any cosmetic or structural damage. Specifically look for any structural damage or crushing of the base and doors. Confirm all doors open freely and easily.

Step 2: Rear Magnetics Compartment

1. Remove the large cover plates on the back of the inverter, accessing the magnetics.
2. Inspect all nine connections including the following:
 - Three connections into the inductor
 - Three from the inductor to the transformer
 - Three exiting the transformer

For each connection check the integrity of the busbar connections and terminals.



Figure 4-1 Busbar Connection and Terminal

3. Check the screens at the bottom of this compartment for damage or debris.



Figure 4-2 Screen Check

4. Ensure the air deflector is held firmly in place.



Figure 4-3 Air Deflector Check

5. Replace the cover plates. Make sure the gaskets are not damaged during replacement of the plates. Do not over tighten the screws.

Step 3: AC/DC Sub Panel Compartments

1. For each busbar landing in the AC and DC compartments, check the integrity of the busbar connections and terminals.



Figure 4-4 Busbars and Busbar Connection Inspection

2. Ensure the cable connections are plugged in and fully seated.



Figure 4-5 Inspection of Cable Connections

3. Inspect and pull test all cable screw terminal connections.



Figure 4-6 Pull Test of Cable Screw Terminal Connection

4. Inspect the screens at the bottom of this compartment for damage or debris.



Figure 4-7 Screen Inspection

If any loose wires are found during the inspections, and the location of the connection is unknown, contact PV Powered's Customer Service and Technical Support.

Step 4: Upper Electronics Compartment

1. Check the integrity of the busbars and their connections in the upper electronics compartment.

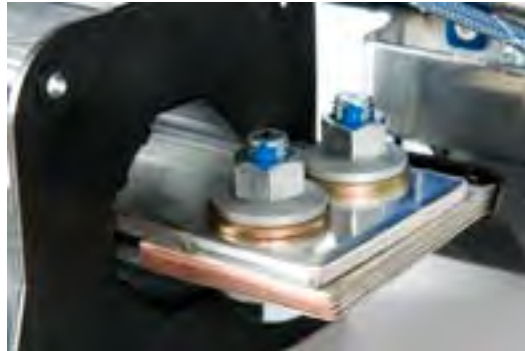


Figure 4-8 Checking the Busbar Connections

Step 5: Upper Active Cooling Compartment

1. Ensure that the fans spin freely.



Figure 4-9 Fan Inspection

2. Ensure all air filters are fully seated.



Figure 4-10 Air Filter Check

This completes the pre-installation inspection.



WARNING

Before installing the inverter, make sure the pre-installation steps have been completed and no issues have been identified.



AVERTISSEMENT

Avant de procéder à l'installation de l'onduleur, assurez-vous d'avoir effectué toutes les étapes correctement et qu'aucun problème ne subsiste.

4.3 Setting and Anchoring



WARNING

Do not attempt to lift the full weight of the inverter from the left or right sides only. Attempting to lift from just the left or right sides only will result in an unstable and unsafe condition.



AVERTISSEMENT

Ne tentez pas de lever l'onduleur en utilisant seulement le côté droit ou gauche de l'appareil. Lever l'unité par un seul côté entraînerait une situation instable et dangereuse.

The inverter base is designed to allow a properly rated forklift to lift it from the front or back using the fork slots. Fork slots are also provided on the left and right sides to enable small positioning adjustments.

1. Lift the inverter with a forklift by positioning the forks through the forkslots in the base of the inverter.

2. Position the inverter to the preferred location.

Alternate methods of lifting and positioning the inverter may be used. Proper methods may include the use of a crane with a strap rated for the weight of the inverter; however, care **MUST** be taken to protect the inverter from compressive stresses or forces which may dent or deform the cabinet or cause damage to the inverter. Use of lifting beams, spreader bars, or similar equipment rated for the weight of the inverter can be employed for this purpose. Damage caused by improper handling may void the warranty.

Safe operating, handling, and installation practices are the responsibility of the installer.

3. Secure the inverter to the concrete base by setting the anchoring hardware through each of the six holes in the external mounting flange as shown in sheet two of *Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings*.

The flanged inverter base allows the unit to be anchored after positioning.

4.4 Conduit Entry

AC and DC cables can be brought into the inverter through the side or bottom gland plates as shown in *Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings*.



WARNING

All penetrations in the inverter cabinet must be through the six gland plates which are provided for the sole purpose of providing a safe and convenient way to bring wiring in to and out of the inverter. Penetrating the inverter housing in any other location besides the gland plates voids the warranty.



AVERTISSEMENT

Tout travail à l'intérieur de la structure de l'onduleur doit être effectué en démontant les plaques libres conçues uniquement pour fournir des ouvertures permettant de travailler facilement et en toute sécurité sur le câblage de l'appareil. Tout travail effectué à partir d'autres ouvertures entraînerait une annulation de la garantie.

Using Gland Plates for Cable Entry and Exit

All power cabling and communications wiring must enter and exit via the inverter cabinet's gland plates. There are gland plates on the AC and DC sides of the inverter for bottom and side entry. In addition, there is a gland plate on the upper right side for data monitoring wiring. Each gland plate location is selected to ensure safe installation, proper airflow and prevention of dust, debris, moisture, insect and animal incursion. Do not penetrate the cabinet at any other location. All gland plates need to be installed for proper operation of the inverter.

To use a gland plate:

1. Select the size(s) and location(s) of the hole(s) that need to be punched.
2. Remove the gland plate while taking care not to damage the weatherproof gasket material on the back side of the plate.

3. Punch holes as needed.
4. Attach watertight NEMA 4 hubs to the holes.
5. Replace the gland plate taking care to evenly seat the gasket material against the cabinet.
6. Tighten screws until snug. Do not overtighten.

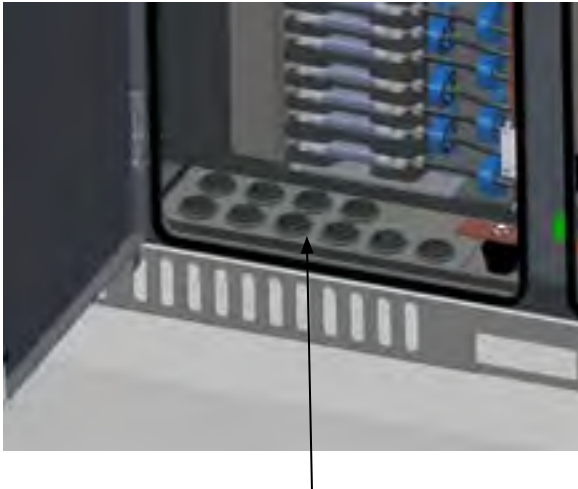


Figure 4-11 Bottom Entry Gland Plates - DC Side



Figure 4-12 Side Entry Gland Plates - AC Side

4.5 Electrical Connections

Proceed with making the electrical connections of the inverter once it has been properly secured to the concrete slab. Terminal connections for the inverter are located inside the unit. When facing the inverter:

- DC terminals are located on the left side
- AC terminals are on the right side

The AC and DC busbars accept standard terminal lug-crimped wires mounted to the busbar fittings with standard 3/8" mounting hardware.

For the optional fused subcombiners, the wire is inserted directly into the fuse holder assembly. Accepted cables sizes for each subcombiner lug option are shown in Table D-4 in *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*.

The inverter is a NEMA 4 enclosure. Use only rain-tight or wet-location conduit hubs and install these hubs as shown in the following figure.

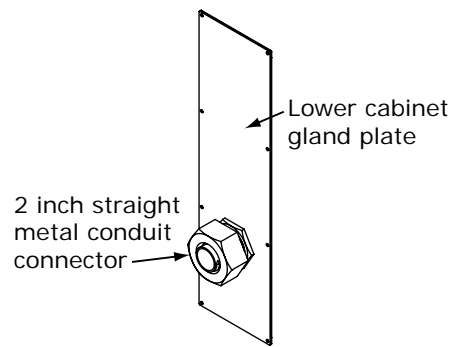


Figure 4-13 Conduit Hub Installation

***IMPORTANT:** Use rain-tight or wet-location conduit hubs that comply with the requirements in the Standard for Fittings for Conduit and Outlet Boxes, UL 514B.*



DANGER

Electrical connections must comply with the NEC and ANSI/NFPA 70 or applicable state or local standards. Installations in Canada should be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code or applicable provincial or local standards. Voltage drop and other considerations may dictate that larger wire sizes be used.



DANGER

Les connexions électriques doivent être conformes au code national de l'électricité et à la norme ANSI/NFPA 70, ou aux normes applicables de l'état ou locales. Les installations au Canada devraient être effectuées conformément au code électrique canadien ou aux normes applicables provinciales ou locales. Les chutes de tension et d'autres facteurs peuvent dicter l'utilisation de fils de tailles plus importantes.



DANGER

Make sure the main breaker in the main utility breaker box is switched OFF before wiring the inverter. This breaker should be switched ON only after all wiring has been properly connected and inspected.



DANGER

Assurez-vous que le disjoncteur principal est en position HORS TENSION avant de câbler l'onduleur. Le disjoncteur doit être en position SOUS TENSION une fois tous les câbles branchés et vérifiés.

4.6 AC Wiring



WARNING

Follow the order listed in this section to wire the inverter. Failure to do so may result in hazardous voltages or disconnection of contacts.



AVERTISSEMENT

Pour câbler l'onduleur, suivez les ordres décrits dans cette section. Tout manquement au suivi scrupuleux des instructions est susceptible d'entraîner des tensions anormales ou le débranchement de contacts.



CAUTION

The NEC requires that the inverter be connected to a dedicated circuit with no other outlets or devices connected to the same circuit. See NEC Section 690-64(b)(1). The NEC also places limitations on the size of the inverter and the manner in which it is connected to the utility grid. See NEC Section 690-64(b)(2). For use in Canada, wiring methods shall be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1.



PRUDENCE

Le code national de l'électricité exige que l'onduleur soit branché à un circuit dédié et qu'aucune autre prise ou aucun autre dispositif ne soit branché à ce circuit. Consulter la section 690-64(b)(1) du code national de l'électricité. Le code national de l'électricité limite également la taille de l'onduleur et la façon de le brancher au réseau public. Consulter la section 690-64(b)(2) du code national de l'électricité. Pour l'utilisation au Canada, les méthodes de câblage doivent être conformes au code électrique canadien, partie 1.



CAUTION

To reduce the risk of fire, the following overcurrent branch-circuit ratings are recommended:

Model	480VAC	600VAC
PVP250kW	400A	350A
PVP260kW	400A	N/A
PVP260kW-LV	400A	N/A

Branch-circuit overcurrent protection should be sized in accordance with the NEC and ANSI/NFPA 70 or applicable Canadian Electrical Code.



PRUDENCE

Afin de prévenir les risques d'incendie, les calibres de protection contre les surtensions des circuits de dérivation suivants sont recommandés:

Model	480VAC	600VAC
PVP250kW	400A	350A
PVP260kW	400A	N/A
PVP260kW-LV	400A	N/A

La taille du circuit de dérivation de protection contre les surintensités doit être conforme au code national de l'électricité et à la norme ANSI/NFPA 70, ou au code électrique canadien.



CAUTION

The input and output circuits are isolated from the enclosure. System grounding, when required by Sections 690-41, 690-42 and 690-43 of the NEC, ANSI/NFPA 70-1999, or applicable state and local codes is the responsibility of the installer. Installations in Canada should be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code or applicable provincial or local standards.



PRUDENCE

Les circuits d'entrée et de sortie sont isolés de l'enveloppe. L'installateur est responsable de la mise à la terre du système, lorsqu'elle est exigée par les sections 690-41, 690-42 et 690-43 du code national de l'électricité et par la norme ANSI/NFPA 70-1999, ou par les normes applicables de l'état ou locales. Les installations au Canada devraient être effectuées conformément au code électrique canadien ou aux normes applicables provinciales ou locales.



WARNING

The AC output/neutral must not be bonded to ground within the equipment.



AVERTISSEMENT

La sortie et le neutre CA ne doivent pas être branchés à la masse à l'intérieur du dispositif.

NOTE: The inverter is certified to UL1741 and CSA107.1-1 for installation without a neutral conductor. Do NOT pull a neutral conductor from the AC service panel to the inverter.

The inverter is designed for use with 480VAC and 600VAC Y (WYE), three-phase power grids. The voltage output is not selectable on these units. Do not attempt to change the AC output voltage once it is set at the factory.

Use the applicable NEC or Canadian Electrical Code to select the appropriate AC wire sizing for your application. Correct wire sizing requires, at a minimum, considerations for

ampacity, temperature and conduit. In addition wire should be sized to minimize voltage drop. Install the inverter on a dedicated branch circuit with a recommended circuit breaker rating as specified in the following table. Refer to Table D-10 in Appendix D for more information.

Model	480VAC	600VAC
PVP250kW	400A	350A
PVP260kW	400A	N/A
PVP260kW-LV	400A	N/A

Table 4-1 Branch Breaker Size Recommendations

The inverter does not have internal AC fusing so it is important to size the branch circuit protection appropriately.

When an inverter is installed on an electrical panel of the sizes indicated in Table 4-2, the corresponding operational voltage range is provided in the second column.

Electrical Panel	Operational Voltage Range
480VAC	422VAC – 528VAC
600VAC	528VAC - 660VAC

Table 4-2 Operational Voltage Ranges per Electrical Panel

Voltages outside this range will cause the inverter to fault.

Connecting to the Electrical Grid



DANGER

Make sure the main breaker at the AC service panel is switched OFF before connecting the AC wires to the inverter. This breaker should be switched ON only after all wiring has been properly connected.



DANGER

Assurez-vous que le disjoncteur principal du panneau de service CA est en position HORS TENSION avant de brancher les câbles CA à l'onduleur. Le disjoncteur doit être en position SOUS TENSION une fois tous les câbles branchés.



CAUTION

To avoid an increase in AC voltage to unacceptable values while the inverter is connected, the grid impedance value at the connection point should be as low as possible. By keeping the grid impedance value low, the system will achieve higher efficiency.



PRUDENCE

Afin d'éviter des surtensions inacceptables de CA lorsque l'onduleur est branché, assurez-vous que la valeur de l'impédance aux points de connexion au réseau public est la plus basse possible. Une faible valeur d'impédance permet un fonctionnement plus efficace de l'appareil.

The inverter is connected to the electrical grid using four wires:

- Phase A voltage
- Phase B voltage
- Phase C voltage
- Ground

Do NOT connect a neutral wire to the WYE point of the isolation transformer.

The four AC termination busbars for phases A, B, C and ground are located in the lower right of the AC panel. Refer to Figure 4-2. The phase busbars are vertically mounted and the ground busbar is horizontally mounted at the bottom of the cabinet. Each busbar has seven rows of two 3/8" diameter holes, spaced 1" apart vertically.

The AC connections must be made through the user selected gland plates (plates and dimensions are shown in *Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings*).

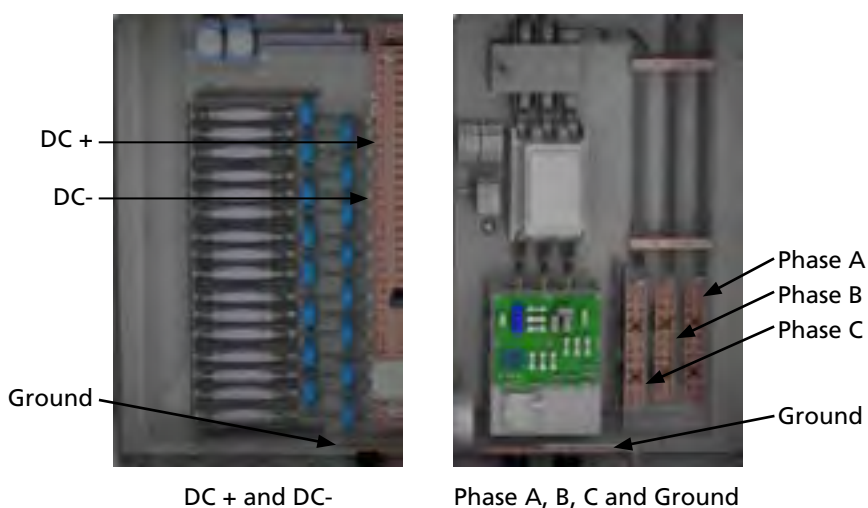


Figure 4-14 DC and Phase Inverter Connections

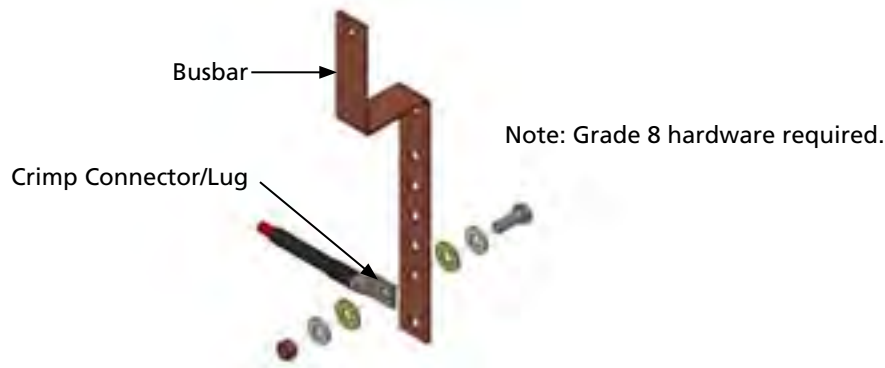


Figure 4-15 Busbar Connections



WARNING

Do not connect a neutral wire to the WYE point of the isolation transformer. Doing so will cause the inverter to malfunction and will void the warranty.



AVERTISSEMENT

Ne branchez pas de câble neutre au point WYE du transformateur d'isolation. Un tel branchement causerait un fonctionnement défectueux de l'onduleur et annulerait la garantie.

AC Wiring Procedure

1. Remove the protective plastic cover with a 5/32 Allen wrench.
2. Run the conduit from the main breaker panel to the desired gland plate on the inverter and insert the fitting in the gland plate and fasten with a locking nut.
3. Feed the PHASE A, PHASE B, PHASE C and GROUND wires through the conduit and into the right side conduit opening of the inverter.
4. Connect the GROUND wire to the terminal marked 'EARTH GROUND' inside the inverter.
5. Connect the wire from Phase A of the AC panel to the terminal marked 'PHASE A' on the AC terminal inside the inverter. Refer to Figure 4-14.
6. Connect the wire from Phase B of the AC panel to the terminal marked 'PHASE B' on the AC terminal inside the inverter. Refer to Figure 4-14.
7. Connect the wire from Phase C of the AC panel to the terminal marked 'PHASE C' on the AC terminal inside the inverter. Refer to Figure 4-14.

Use Grade 8, 3/8" hardware to secure the lugs of the outgoing AC cables to the busbars.
8. Ensure all connections are wired correctly and properly torqued. Tighten the AC terminal screws to 40 ft-lbs.
9. Reinstall the protective plastic cover.

Adjustable Voltage Range

The inverter is factory calibrated to the voltage and frequency limits detailed in *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*. These limits are adjustable and can be set by PV Powered field technicians.

4.7 DC Wiring



DANGER

Before proceeding with the DC wiring, confirm that the PV array has been disconnected from the inverter using the external DC disconnect.



DANGER

Avant d'effectuer les branchements CC, assurez-vous que les piles PV sont déconnectées de l'onduleur en utilisant le connecteur CC externe.



DANGER

Make sure the PV array polarity and voltage between the positive and negative cables are correct before connecting the PV array cables to the DC terminal block.



DANGER

Assurez-vous que la polarité et le voltage des câbles positifs et négatifs des piles PV sont corrects avant de brancher les câbles des piles PV aux bornes CC.

The three DC busbars, positive, negative and ground are located in the lower left of the DC panel. Refer to Figure 4-14. The positive and negative bars are vertically mounted and the ground bar is horizontally mounted at the bottom of the cabinet. The positive and negative busbars have 32 rows of two 3/8" diameter holes spaced 1" apart vertically. The ground bar has 12 rows of two 3/8" diameter holes spaced 1" apart. See *Appendix D*, Table D-10 for wire sizing limits for inverters with an optional fused subcombiner.

DC Input Voltage

Calculate the maximum open circuit (no load) voltage for each series module connection. **FOR ALL TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS, THE OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE FOR EACH SERIES CONNECTION MUST BE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 600 VDC.** Contact PV Powered if you require assistance calculating the maximum DC input voltage for your array at your specific location.

DC Inputs

Each DC input connection must be wired to deliver the same input voltage.

DC Wiring Procedure

Follow these steps to wire the DC inputs from the PV panels to the inverter. These instructions are for a negatively grounded array. For a positively grounded array, use the opposite terminals. Refer to Figure 4-14.




DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. When exposed to light, PV arrays create electrical energy that could cause a hazardous condition.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. Lorsqu'elles sont exposées à la lumière, les piles photovoltaïques génèrent un courant électrique susceptible de causer des conditions dangereuses.

1. If the protective plastic covers which protect the DC subcombiner panel are in place, remove the covers with a 5/32 Allen wrench.
2. Disconnect power to the DC wiring by disconnecting the PV array outside the inverter before starting the DC wiring.
3. Keep track of the array positive and negative leads and clearly mark each.
4. Route the PV array leads through the conduit to the desired entry gland plate on the DC side of the inverter.
5. Connect the PV frame ground wire(s) to the ground lug on the point marked  in the lower left side of the cabinet.
6. Connect positive DC lead(s) to the positive terminals located on the busbar or fuse holder as applicable. Refer to Figure 4-14. Use Grade 8 3/8" hardware to secure the lugs of the incoming DC cables to the busbar. The DC landing torque spec is 40 ft-lbs.
7. Connect negative DC lead(s) directly to the negative terminals located on the busbar or fusing as shown in Figure 4-14. Use Grade 8 3/8" hardware to secure the lugs of the incoming DC cables to the busbar. The DC landing torque specification is 40 ft-lbs.
8. Energize the DC cables.



8 Circuit Option



16 Circuit Option



20 Circuit Option



8 Circuit with
Monitoring Option



16 Circuit with
Monitoring Option



Subcombiner with no Circuits

Figure 4-16 DC Subcombiner Configurations

9. Using a voltmeter, check the PV array positive leads and confirm the voltage is positive when referenced to the negative leads. The reading should not exceed your calculated series V_{oc} total.
10. De-energize the DC cables.
11. Reinstall the protective plastic covers.

4.8 Performance Monitoring and Networking

The inverter has an integrated Data Monitoring Module located in a dedicated Data Monitoring section. The Data Monitoring Module enables access to the inverter performance data in two ways. First, basic performance data can be accessed using a free web-based monitoring service provided by PV Powered. Second, the Data Monitoring Module can deliver data to a third party monitoring system over a Modbus RS-485 network.

Ethernet Network Connection

PV Powered offers a free basic monitoring service through the mypvpower.com website. Internet service must be set up properly at the installation site before the inverter can be accessed online. The Data Monitoring Module supports only hard-wired CAT5 solutions to the inverter. It does *NOT* support wireless configurations. To access the mypvpower data monitoring information, customers need to provide a broadband Ethernet connection to the inverter, based on the following specifications:

- Provide a DHCP-enabled broadband internet connection that is always ON. This can be cable internet, a DSL line, or equivalent.
- Requires a hard-wired, Ethernet-enabled connection available at the inverter location. Internet service should be connected using one of the following preferred methods:
 - Hard wire an outdoor-rated, shielded CAT5 Ethernet cable between the inverter's Data Monitoring Module and the DHCP-enabled Internet connection.
 - If multiple inverters are commissioned to a single site, you can use an Ethernet hub located in an outdoor-rated enclosure to distribute Ethernet cables to the inverters.

NOTE: *The Data Monitoring Module does not support dial-up modem connectivity.*

NOTE: *Some complex networks might require a system administrator to add the inverter to the network.*

IMPORTANT: *The Ethernet cable must comply with T-568B standards. This is the only configuration supported by the Data Monitoring Module. Other wiring configurations will not work. Refer to the following figure.*

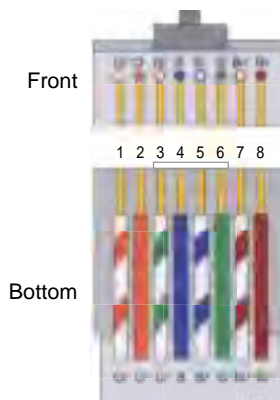


Figure 4-17 T-568B Compliant Ethernet Cable

Connecting the Ethernet Cable to the Internet

Use the following steps to complete the connection of the Data Monitoring Module:

1. Route the Ethernet (CAT5) cable from the Internet-enabled router, at the gland plate location on the upper right side of the inverter, using the proper conduit and hub connectors. Refer to section 4.4 *Conduit Entry* for instructions on how to properly use gland plates.
2. Plug the Ethernet cable into the Ethernet port on the Comm X PCB located in the Data Monitoring Section. Refer to the following figure.

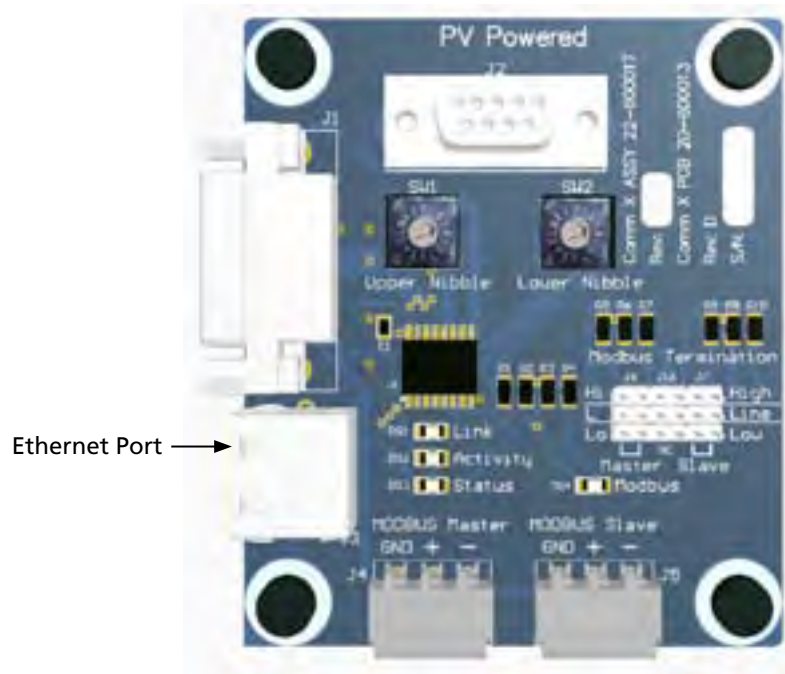


Figure 4-18 Comm X PCB Ethernet Port Location

When the Internet connection is established, go to www.mypvpower.com to register the inverter and begin using the monitoring tools. Contact PV Powered if additional information is needed on how to use this online tool.

Advanced Networking and Troubleshooting

All PV Powered commercial inverters come standard with an Ethernet port that is intended to be connected to the Internet. The PV Powered commercial inverter operates as an Internet appliance. The inverter communicates with the PV Powered Data Center using https (port 443). Communications is one way – the inverter only communicates externally to the PV Powered Data Center. Typically the inverter will post 1Kb to 2Kb of data via web service call to the data center every 15 minutes. If there is an inverter fault, the inverter may post data more frequently for a short period of time.

Below is a list of requirements to establish inverter communications with the PV Powered Data Center. Connectivity must be established before registration on www.mypvpower.com is attempted.

- Connect the inverter's Ethernet port to a hub or router. Ethernet cables must meet the T-568B wiring standard and must be less than 300 feet in length.
- Provide DHCP server access to the inverter. The inverter requires DHCP to establish its IP address.
- Provide a path to the Internet for https (port 443) from the inverter. The MAC address for the inverter can be found on the side of the communications PCB. To see the MAC address the communications PCB must be removed from the card cage assembly.
- Verify connectivity using the following information:
 1. Check the status light. It should be in a solid on state.

The status light is located on the front of the Comm X PCB in the right side of the upper compartment in the Data Monitoring Section.
 2. Verify the inverter's MAC address has been assigned an IP address by the network.
 3. Register the inverter at www.mypvpower.com.

Most connectivity problems relate to wiring issues or corporate security settings blocking the inverter from accessing the Internet. Wiring problems are usually the result of a poor crimp, wire that exceeds 320 ft., or pinched wires somewhere between the inverter and the hub or router.

PV Powered recommends using pre-made cables whenever possible. If a cable must be hand-crimped, we recommend testing the cable with a cable tester such as a Fluke LinkRunner™ Pro Network Multimeter (LPRO1000). Verify the cable's integrity by connecting a laptop to the cable at the inverter and verify it has access to the Internet.

Corporate network problems will require support from your corporate IT department where the inverter is installed. The most common problem is the inverter has not been provided with DHCP server access using port 443.

Troubleshooting communications issues can also be accomplished using the four LED lights on the communications PCB. For detailed LED communications light troubleshooting see section *7.6 Communication PCB Status Light Operation*.

Modbus via RS-485

For instructions on how to use the Modbus network option, refer to *Chapter 5, Modbus Network Installation*.

5. Modbus Network Installation

5.1 Overview

PV Powered commercial inverters can communicate via Modbus RS-485 and Modbus TCP/IP. This chapter explains how to communicate with a PV Powered commercial inverter on a Modbus network through either RS-485 or TCP/IP. This chapter is written for PV installers, electricians, controls contractors and Modbus network programmers.

5.2 Modbus Communication Protocol

Modbus is a serial communications protocol and is the most commonly used means of monitoring and communicating between devices in the PV industry. The Modbus protocol allows for communication between a Modbus master device and multiple Modbus slave devices connected to the same network. The physical layer of the Modbus network is a twisted pair shielded conductor for RS-485 and CAT5 Ethernet for TCP/IP.

5.3 Networking Using the Modbus Option

The following steps are required to set up a Modbus TCP/IP network for your PV Powered inverter:

- **Field Installation Process**
This step can be completed onsite by a PV installer or an electrician that does not have working knowledge of a Modbus network:
 - Consult the facility IT administrator for network device installation support and coordination.
 - Install the Modbus network communications cabling.
- **Modbus Network Configuration Process**
This step can be done onsite or remotely and should be completed by the Modbus network programmer:
 - Set the IP addresses and Port ID for TCP/IP.
 - Configure the point maps for slave devices.

5.4 Modbus TCP/IP Installation Process

Disconnect the power to the inverter before starting the installation.



DANGER

AC and DC voltages will still be present at the inverter AC and DC landing points unless utility connection circuit breaker and PV array inputs are disconnected.



DANGER

Les voltages alternatifs et continus seront toujours présents aux points de contact CA et CC de l'onduleur à moins que les disjoncteurs du réseau public et que les alimentations des piles PV ne soient débranchés.

Step 1: Installing the Modbus Cable for TCP/IP

- A. Route an Ethernet cable from a network port in the facility that has been approved by the network administrator, through the data monitoring gland plate on the right side of the inverter, using the appropriate water-tight conduit connections.

The data monitoring gland plate is a flat piece of metal covering the side entry port to the inverter's data monitoring compartment. Remove the gland plate and cut a hole in the desired location to allow access for the cable. Replace the gland plate.

- B. Connect the Modbus Ethernet cable to the Ethernet port on the Comm X PCB. The Comm X PCB is located in the Data Monitoring Section in the right upper cabinet of the inverter. See Figure 5-1 for the location of the Ethernet port.

5.5 Modbus TCP/IP Network Configuration Process

Step 2: Assigning the IP Address and Port ID

- A. Contact the facility's IT Network Administrator (or person with similar responsibilities) to assign an IP Address to each inverter.
- B. The Modbus master will need to communicate through Port 502.

For advanced users, a static IP address can be assigned. Contact PV Powered Technical Support for assistance.

5.6 Networking Using the Modbus RS-485 Option

The following steps are required to set up a Modbus RS-485 network for your PV Powered commercial inverter. The first part of the installation can be completed by a PV installer or electrician that does not have working knowledge of a Modbus network. These steps are:

A. Field installation process (to be performed on-site)

The first three steps can be completed by a PV installer that does not have working knowledge of a Modbus network:

- Installing the Modbus network wiring.
- Configuring end-of-line termination and network biasing.
- Setting the Modbus address for each slave inverter.

Note: *The contractor responsible for network programming will need to provide the slave addresses prior to setting the Modbus address for each slave inverter.*

The final part of the RS-485 installation process is the Modbus network configuration. These steps should be completed by the Modbus network programmer. The last two steps are:

- Setting the device addresses.
- Configuring point maps for slave devices.

5.7 Modbus RS-485 Installation Process

Disconnect the power to the inverter before starting the installation.



DANGER

AC and DC voltages will still be present at the inverter AC and DC landing points unless utility connection circuit breaker and PV array inputs are disconnected.



DANGER

Les voltages alternatifs et continus seront toujours présents aux points de contact CA et CC de l'onduleur à moins que les disjoncteurs du réseau public et que les alimentations des piles PV ne soient débranchés.

Step 1: Installing the Modbus Cable for RS-485 Installations

Connections are made using shielded insulated, 18-24ga twisted-pair communication cable that has a characteristic impedance of 120 ohms. If the RS-485 network will not pass through any high voltage (>300V) areas, then 300V rated cable may be used in the low voltage data monitoring compartment of the inverter. Check with your local inspector or project engineer if you need assistance in determining this requirement. Some appropriate 300V data cables include:

- Belden 3105A (1P22ga shielded)
- Belden 3082A (1P15ga + 1P18ga shielded)

Belden 7897A (1P15ga + 1P18ga shielded) is an example of a 600V rated cable that may also be used; others exist as well.

- A. Route the cable from your master device on your RS-485 Modbus network through the data monitoring gland plate on the right side of the inverter using the appropriate water-tight conduit connections. The gland plate is a flat piece of metal covering the holes in the side of the inverter. Remove the gland plate and cut a hole in the desired location to allow access for the cable. Replace the gland plate.

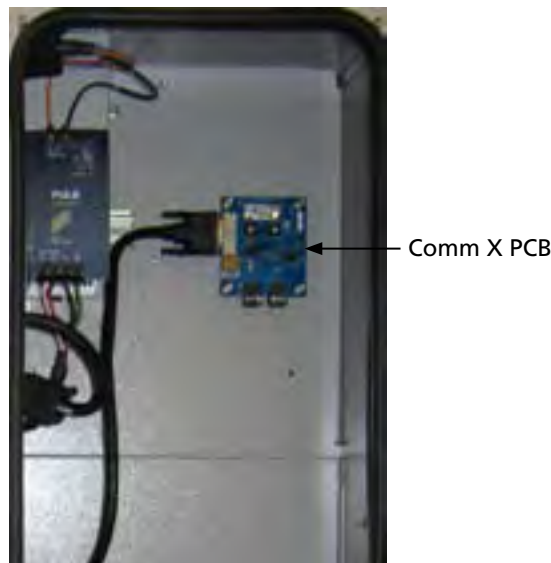


Figure 5-1 Comm X PCB in the Data Monitoring Section

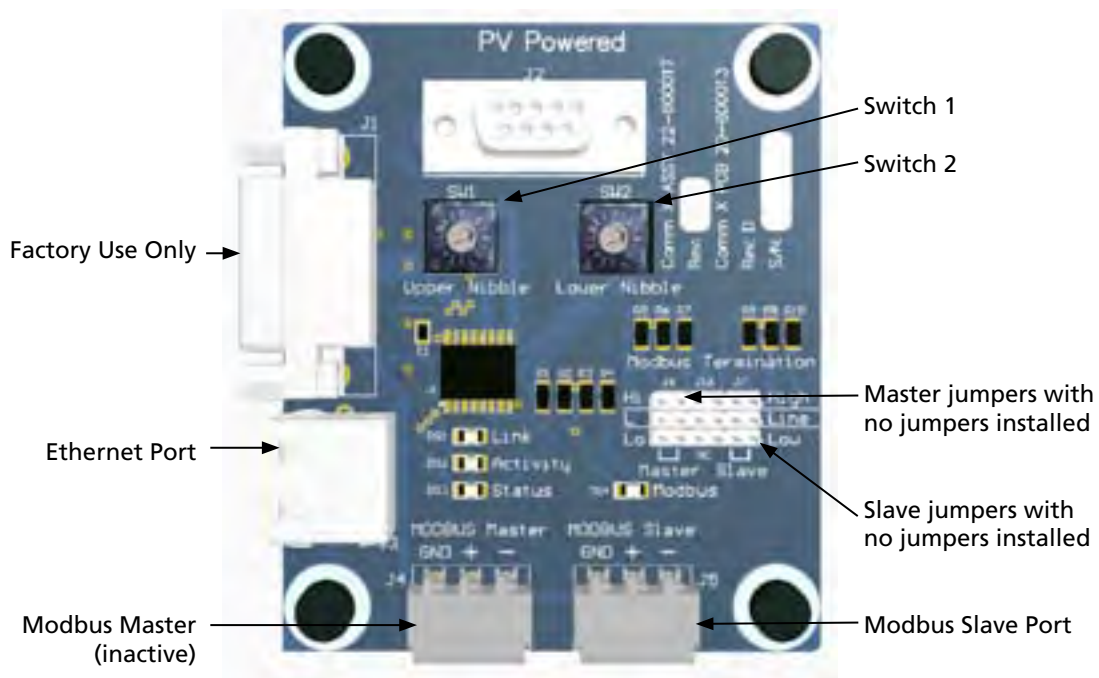


Figure 5-2 Comm X PCB with Modbus Slave Port Location

C. Connect the Modbus cable.

The end of the Modbus cable connects to the Modbus slave port connector on the Comm X PCB. See Figure 5-2 for the location of the Modbus slave port.

Connect the plus (+) cable to all plus (+) connections and the minus (-) cable to all other minus (-) connections so they correspond throughout the network.

Note: The Modbus master connections are not enabled at this time.

- D. Connect a ground reference line to the terminal labeled “GND” on the Modbus slave connector. The shield of a communications cable may be used for this reference as long as the shield is connected to earth ground at one point only. It is recommended that PV Powered devices have connected grounds when possible.

Note: Some Modbus devices do not have a shield or reference input. In these cases the device most often uses the DC power supply (-) as the RS-485 reference. It may be necessary to place an RS-485 isolator on these devices or power them from a common DC supply that has its DC (-) referenced to earth ground at the same point where the network cable shield is earthed.

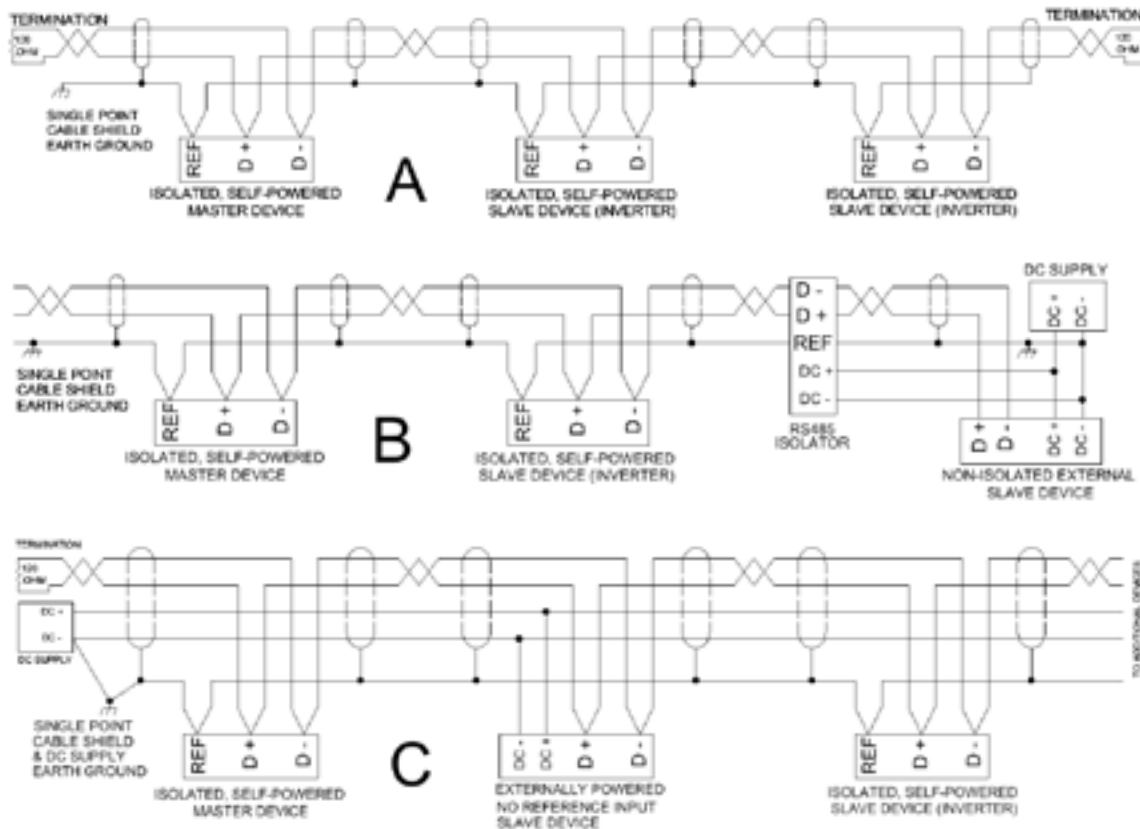


Figure 5-3 Daisy Chain Layout for RS-485 Network

When multiple inverters or other Modbus slave devices are connected to a single Modbus master device, the multiple devices need to be connected in a daisy chain as shown in Figure 5-3.

Note: When multiple devices are wired to the network the network shield must be terminated to earth ground at one point on the network typically at the beginning or the end. For device connections the shield must be rewired to provide a continuous shield and isolated from ground.

Step 2: Using Jumpers to Set the Pins for RS-485 Installation

By default, the termination pins have three slave jumpers installed in the J6/Master positions and three jumpers in the J7/Slave positions when the inverter is shipped. The location of the jumpers can determine the following settings to an inverter:

- Terminate the network
- Set jumpers for the center inverter(s) on the network
- Turn on biasing

Jumper setting options

A. Terminate the network.

The performance of your Modbus network may require each end of the network to be terminated using 120 ohm termination resistors. When the network is long, relative to the RS-485 bit rate in use, bus terminations must be installed. The network length is determined by the total backbone cable length, and not necessarily the line-of-sight between the two furthest apart devices.

RS-485 / Modbus Bit Rate	Maximum Network Length without Termination Feet (Meters)	Maximum Network Length with Termination Feet (Meters)
9600 bps	1000 (305)	4000 (1200)
19200 bps	500 (152)	4000 (1200)
38400 bps	250 (76)	4000 (1200)
57600 bps	150 (46)	4000 (1200)

Table 5-1 Maximum Network Length per Modbus Bit Rate

If bus termination is desired and the inverter is on the end of the Modbus network, you may use the built-in bus termination resistors.

- To enable an inverter's bus termination, place the J7 "Line" jumper on its outboard pins. See Table 5-2 for the pin locations.

	J6	J16	J7
High		X	
Line			X
Low		X	

Table 5-2 Termination Enabled (for End Device)

B. Set the jumpers for the center inverters on the network.

- J7 - remove all three jumpers from the J7 pins for any inverter in the middle of the network, and place the jumpers in the J16 neutral position.

	J6	J16	J7
High		X	
Line		X	
Low		X	

Table 5-3 No Biasing or Termination (Default Setting)

C. Set the biasing.

Biasing sets the voltage levels on the data lines of an inactive or idle network. It is very important that at least one device on the network provides biasing. On shorter networks with fewer installed devices, biasing may only be needed on the device furthest away from the master. Longer networks that are terminated on both ends may require two devices to have their biasing enabled. To use the inverter's built-in biasing set the following jumpers:

- J7 - install a jumper on the first pair of pins labeled "High".
- J7 - install a jumper on the last pair of pins labeled "Low".

	J6	J16	J7
High			X
Line		X	
Low			X

Table 5-4 Biasing Enabled

Alternative: Terminate the network and enable biasing.

If an end inverter on the network requires both termination and biasing to be enabled, set the following jumpers:

- J7 - install a jumper on the first pair of pins labeled "High".
- J7 - install a jumper on the first pair of pins labeled "Line".
- J7 - install a jumper on the last pair of pins labeled "Low".

	J6	J16	J7
High			X
Line			X
Low			X

Table 5-5 Biasing and Termination Enabled (for End Device)

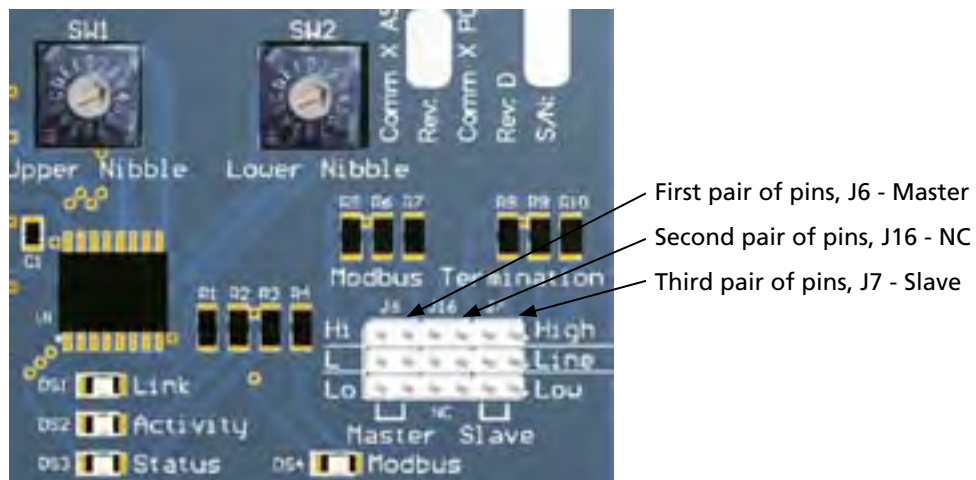


Figure 5-4 Location of Jumpers J6, J16 and J7 on the Comm X PCB

Step 3: Setting the Modbus Address for Each Slave Device

A Modbus network containing slave devices requires a unique address for each slave. This allows the master device to identify and communicate with each slave. The Modbus network administrator must assign an unique Modbus address to each PV Powered inverter.

To set the address:

A. Determine each slave address.

The addresses are represented using the hexadecimal representation of digits 0 through 9 and letters A through F. For example, slave 1 is set to 01, slave 10 is set to 0A, and so forth. Refer to the following inverter address conversion Table 5-6 to select a unique address for each slave device by locating the number of the slave device in the “Address” column. Move right to the “Switch” column to find the converted address value of this slave device.

Note: 0 is not an allowed address.

Address	Switch	Address	Switch	Address	Switch	Address	Switch	Address	Switch
	1 2		1 2		1 2		1 2		1 2
1	0 1	21	1 5	41	2 9	61	3 D	81	5 1
2	0 2	22	1 6	42	2 A	62	3 E	82	5 2
3	0 3	23	1 7	43	2 B	63	3 F	83	5 3
4	0 4	24	1 8	44	2 C	64	4 0	84	5 4
5	0 5	25	1 9	45	2 D	65	4 1	85	5 5
6	0 6	26	1 A	46	2 E	66	4 2	86	5 6
7	0 7	27	1 B	47	2 F	67	4 3	87	5 7
8	0 8	28	1 C	48	3 0	68	4 4	88	5 8
9	0 9	29	1 D	49	3 1	69	4 5	89	5 9

Address	Switch		Address	Switch		Address	Switch		Address	Switch		Address	Switch	
	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2
10	0	A	30	1	E	50	3	2	70	4	6	90	5	A
11	0	B	31	1	F	51	3	3	71	4	7	91	5	B
12	0	C	32	2	0	52	3	4	72	4	8	92	5	C
13	0	D	33	2	1	53	3	5	73	4	9	93	5	D
14	0	E	34	2	2	54	3	6	74	4	A	94	5	E
15	0	F	35	2	3	55	3	7	75	4	B	95	5	F
16	1	0	36	2	4	56	3	8	76	4	C	96	6	0
17	1	1	37	2	5	57	3	9	77	4	D	97	6	1
18	1	2	38	2	6	58	3	A	78	4	E	98	6	2
19	1	3	39	2	7	59	3	B	79	4	F	99	6	3
20	1	4	40	2	8	60	3	C	80	5	0	100	6	4

Table 5-6 Inverter Address Conversion for Switches 1 and 2

B. Set the switch address on each slave device.

The slave address for each PV Powered inverter is set using two rotary switches. Each switch is hexadecimal, containing 0 through 9, followed by A through F. Set the switches using the following guideline:

- The first switch is always set to the value in the “1” column below the “Switch” heading in Table 5-6.
- The second switch is always set to the value in the “2” column below the “Switch” heading in Table 5-6.

For example, if you are setting the address of the first slave device, inverter 1 of your network, to the hexadecimal address 05, the first switch is set to 0, the first digit of the hexadecimal address, and the second switch is set to 5, the second digit of the address.

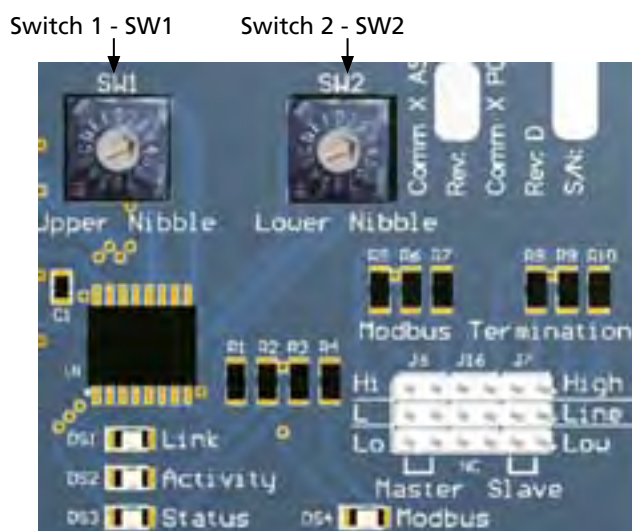


Figure 5-5 Rotary Switches for Setting the Inverter Number

The switches are located near the center of the Comm X PCB and are labeled SW1 and SW2 as they appear in Figure 5-5.

If you need more device addresses than the 100 listed in Table 5-6, refer to a complete digital to hexadecimal conversion table.

Note: *Some Modbus master devices do not allow addresses above the decimal value of 126. PV Powered recommends keeping the number of slave devices between 2 and 100.*

Modbus RS-485 Network Configuration Process

Step 4: Setting the Communication Parameters

This step is part of the network configuration process that should be completed by the Modbus network programmer. The RS-485 Modbus master communication settings need to be set to the values in Table 5-7. This allows your Modbus master device to communicate with the inverter. Follow the instructions in the manual for your master device to complete these settings.

Parameter	Setting
Baud	9600
Parity	N
Data bits	8
Stop bit	1
Flow control	None

Table 5-7 Communications Settings

Step 5: Using Modbus Commands

PV Powered inverters provide basic Modbus commands. The supported commands are listed in the following table.

Command Name	Command Number	Description
Read Holding Register	03	Retrieves the voltage, power and energy values from the inverter.
Write (Preset) Single Register	06	Enables/disables the inverter.
Return Slave ID	17	Returns a text string containing the ID number of the inverter.

Table 5-8 Supported Modbus Commands

Format of Modbus commands and responses

Each of the following command sections contain two tables. The first table describes the format of a Modbus command request while the second table contains the format of the command's response.

Then the next section, *Modbus Register Maps*, provides additional information about

these commands and their valid registers.

Read Holding Register

The **Read Holding Register** command is used frequently. Typically the Modbus master continually reads the values from registers containing the desired information.

Command Information	Command Layout
Modbus slave address	nn (1-126)
Command number	03
First register MSB	xx
First register LSB	xx
Number of registers MSB	xx
Number of registers LSB	xx
CRC LSB	xx
CRC MSB	xx

Table 5-9 Format for Read Holding Register, command 03

Response Information	Response Layout
Modbus slave address	nn (1-126)
Command number	03
Number of bytes of data	n
Fist register MSB	xx
First register LSB	xx
Second register MSB	xx
Second register LSB	xx
Nth register MSB	xx
Nth register LSB	xx
CRC LSB	xx
CRC MSB	xx

Table 5-10 Format for Read Holding Register, response to command 03

Write Single Register

The **Write Single Register** command is used to write to one of the command registers found in Table 5-19. Using this command does not change the inverter's data in registers described in Table 5-15, Table 5-17, or Table 5-18.

Command Information	Command Layout
Modbus slave address	nn (1-126)
Command number	06
First register MSB	xx
First register LSB	xx
Data MSB	xx
Data LSB	xx
CRC LSB	xx
CRC MSB	xx

Table 5-11 Format for Write Single Register, command 06

Response Information	Response Layout
Modbus slave address	nn (1-126)
Command number	06
Number of bytes of data	n
First register MSB	xx
First register LSB	xx
Data MSB	xx
Data LSB	xx
CRC LSB	xx
CRC MSB	xx

Table 5-12 Format for Write Single Register, response to command 06

Return Slave ID

Command Information	Command Layout
Modbus slave address	nn (1-126)
Command number	11h

Table 5-13 Format for Return Slave ID, command 11h

The Slave ID command returns the ASCII string “**xxPVP Inverter IDxxxxx**”, for example “**0x50,0xFF,PVP Inverter ID02860910080321**”. The first “**xx**” represents two non-ASCII bytes, representing the following information:

Byte 1: 0x50 - An identifier byte for PVP inverters

Byte 2: 0x00 - If communication with the inverter is down,

0xFF - If communication with the inverter is okay.

Byte 3 through byte n: Contains “**PVP Inverter IDxxxxx**”.

Response Information	Response Layout
Modbus slave address	nn (1-126)
Command number	11h
Number of bytes of data	n
Data 1	xx
Data 2	xx
Data n	xx
CRC LSB	xx
CRC MSB	xx

Table 5-14 Format for Return Slave ID, response to command 11h

Modbus Register Maps

The following tables list the Modbus registers with their location and a description of the data stored in the register. For more information describing the data format contained in column six, the “Format” column of each table, see Table 5-22 at the end of this chapter.

Description	Start Register	End Register	Nbr. of Registers	MB Address	Format	Range	Notes
Modbus base address = 0							
Inverter ID number	0	7	8	40001	ASCII	16 char.	Unique number for each inverter
Firmware version	8	11	4	40009	ASCII	8 char.	Example: V1.9
Map version	13	13	1	40014	UINT 16	1 - 4	Increment sequentially as the map changes - all versions are backwards compatible.
Inverter configuration	14	14	1	40015	UINT 16	Bit-mapped	See Table 5-16
Inverter serial number	15	24	10	40016	ASCII	20 char.	Matches SN label

Table 5-15 Fixed information registers

Inverter Configuration	Bit Mapping	Instructions
AC volts = 480	0x0004	
AC volts = 600	0x0200	
Transformer tap position	0x0008	Set if Tap at 265V, clear if Tap at 295V (Default = 295V)
Transformer wiring configuration	0x0010	Set if wired as DELTA, clear if wired as WYE (Default = WYE)
Utilitimeter installation flag	0x0100	Set if meter is installed, clear if not installed (Default = not installed)

Table 5-16 Inverter Configuration

Description	Start Register	End Register	Nbr. of Registers	MB Address	Format	Range
Modbus base address = 1000						
VoltsA L-N	1000	1001	2	41001	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
VoltsB L-N	1002	1003	2	41003	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
VoltsC L-N	1004	1005	2	41005	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
Current A ¹	1006	1007	2	41007	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
Current B	1008	1009	2	41009	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
Current C	1010	1011	2	41011	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
DC input voltage	1012	1013	2	41013	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
DC input current ²	1014	1015	2	41015	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
Line frequency	1016	1017	2	41017	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
Line kW	1018	1019	2	41019	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
Total kWh	1020	1021	2	41021	UINT 32	0 - 4.29 e9
PV input voltage	1022	1023	2	41023	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754
DC kW (calculated)	1024	1025	2	41025	FLOAT	+/- 32bit IEEE754

Table 5-17 Data Registers

1. Phase A current is calculated from Phase B and C currents.
2. DC input current is not measured and always reports back as 0 Amps.

Description	Start Register	End Register	Nbr. of Registers	MB Address	Format	Range	Notes
Modbus base address = 2000							
Inverter operating status (state)	2100	2100	1	42101	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table 5-20
Main fault	2101	2101	1	42102	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-3
Drive fault	2102	2102	1	42103	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-4
Voltage fault	2103	2103	1	42104	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-5
Grid fault	2104	2104	1	42105	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-6
Temperature fault	2105	2105	1	42106	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-7
System fault	2106	2106	1	42107	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-8
System warnings	2107	2107	1	42108	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table D-9
PVM status codes	2108	2108	1	42109	UINT 16	Bit mapped	See Table 5-21

Table 5-18 Status and Fault Code Registers

Note: See Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes for fault code information.

To set the following command registers, you need to use the **Write Single Register** command.

Description	Start Register	End Register	Nbr. of Registers	MB Address	Format	Range	Notes
Modbus base address = 3000							
Clear fault command	3000	3000	1	43001	UINT 16	CF hex	Write this value to clear faults and try a restart.
Disable inverter ³	3001	3001	1	43002	UINT 16	DD hex	Write 0xDD to disable Write 0xEE to enable
Enable inverter	3002	3002	1	43003	UINT 16	EE hex	Write 0xDD to disable Write 0xEE to enable
Reset data comm section	3003	3003	1	43004	UINT 16	99 hex	Write 99 hex to this register to reset the Comm X PCB.

Table 5-19 Command Registers

3. Reading this register returns 0 after bootup, or either DD after a disable or EE hex after an enable command is sent.

Response values for status and fault registers

The following tables contain the status and fault bitmap information for each status and fault code register in Table 5-18. The command's response values are returned as hexadecimal values which you need to convert to the decimal value in order to understand the returned information.

Description	Hex Value	Decimal Value
Modbus register number = 42101		
Sleep state	0	0
Startup delay state	1	1
AC precharge state	2	2
DC precharge state	3	3
Idle state	4	4
Power track state	5	5
Reserved	6	6
Reserved	7	7
Reserved	8	8
Fault state	9	9
Initialization state	A	10
Disabled state	B	11
Latching fault state	C	12

Table 5-20 Inverter Status (protocol state) Values

When multiple errors are set, the resulting status word value will be a sum of the individual fault and/or error values listed in the following table.

Description	Hex Value	Decimal Value	Notes
Modbus register number = 42005			
OK	0	0	
Rebooting	1	1	
Inverter communication fault	2	2	Results in return value of zero for reads of data registers listed in Table 5-17.
Web post fault	4	4	
DNS server fault	8	8	
Real time clock error	10	16	Battery is dead or cannot synchronize with the network time server.
Wrong PVM firmware	20	32	Incompatible or incorrect revision of communications firmware.

Table 5-21 Inverter Data Comm Status Word

Data Format	Description	Notes
ASCII	Two ASCII characters per register	For a text string the left most character is in the lowest register number.
UINT16	Unsigned integer: 16 bits	Range: 0 to 65535
SINT16	Signed integer: 16 bits	Range: -32767 to +32767
UINT 32 (requires two registers)	Unsigned integer: 32 bits	Range: 0 to 4,294,967,295
SINT 32 (requires two registers)	Signed integer: 32 bits	Range: -2,147,483,647 to +2,147,483,647
FLOAT (requires two registers)	IEEE 754 standard 32-bit floating point number	

Table 5-22 Data formats for registers

Information about the Data Monitoring Module

For additional information on how to use the Modbus Data Monitoring Module, contact PV Powered Customer Service and Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832.

6. Operation

6.1 Start Up Procedure



WARNING

Before turning on the inverter, ensure that the front panels are closed properly.



AVERTISSEMENT

Assurez-vous de la bonne fermeture des panneaux antérieurs avant de mettre l'onduleur en route.

To start the inverter, complete the following steps in order:

1. Prior to engaging the disconnect switches, check the polarity of the DC positive and negative connectors to ensure they are wired correctly and confirm the PV panel open circuit voltage is at or below 600 VDC.
2. Close all upper and lower cabinet doors.
3. Turn on the external AC connection to the inverter.
4. Turn on the external DC disconnect to provide DC power to the inverter.
5. Turn the ON/OFF switch to the OFF position.

The ON/OFF switch is located next to the display screen.

6. Turn the inverter's AC disconnect to the power ON position. Refer to Figure 6-1.

The display on the upper front panel should now be active. The display is shown in Figure 6-3.

7. Turn the inverter's DC disconnect to the power ON position. Refer to Figure 6-1.
8. Turn the ON/OFF switch to the ON position.

After five minutes, the inverter starts to produce power into the AC grid if all necessary operating conditions are met.



Figure 6-1 AC and DC Disconnect Power ON

6.2 Inverter Operating States

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters have nine operating states. The inverters will transition from one state to another only as shown in Figure 6-2. Each operating state is described below.

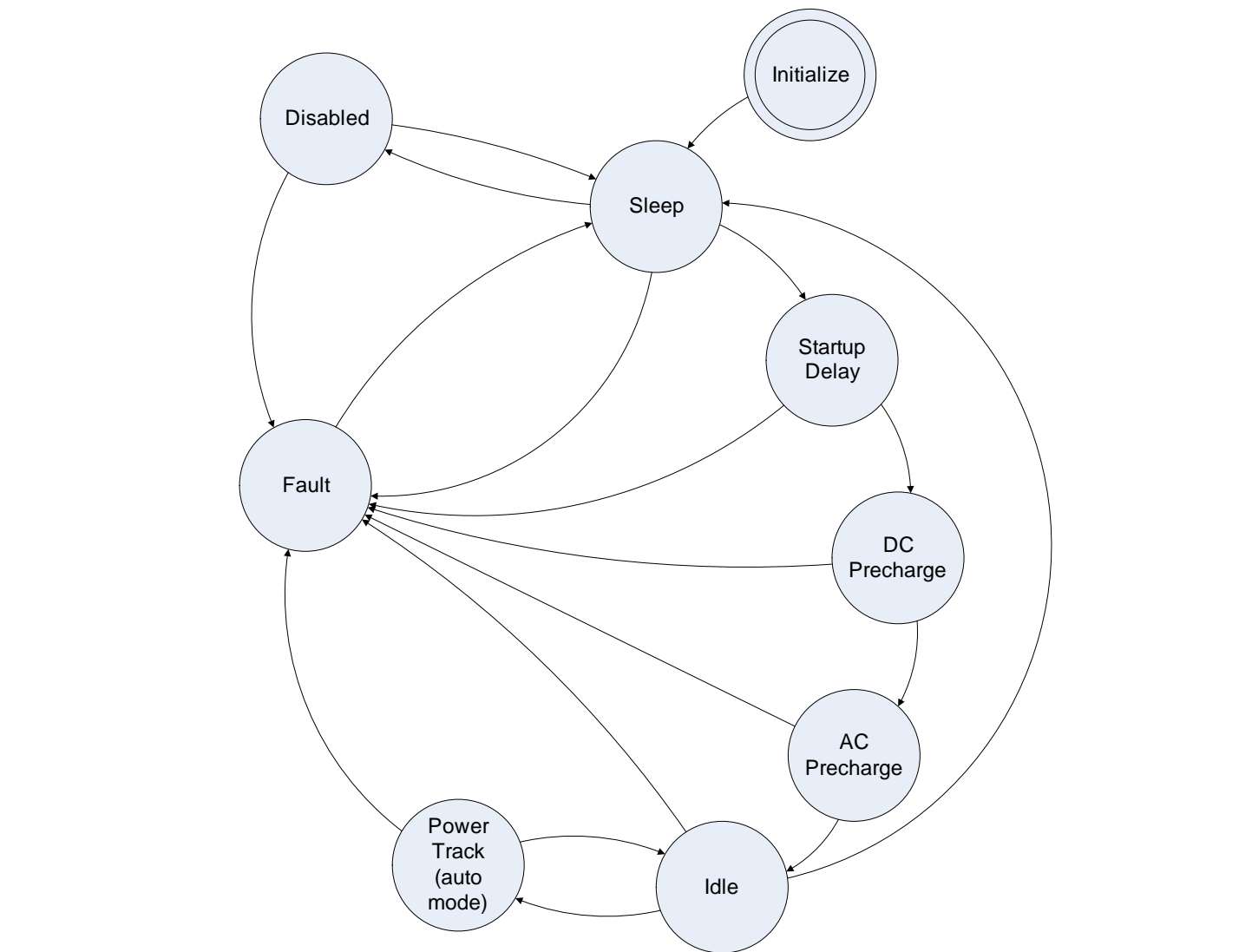


Figure 6-2 Inverter State Diagram

Initialize

The inverter enters this state after a reset or power cycle. Variables and devices are initialized and I/O ports set. When initialization is complete, the inverter enters the Sleep state.

Disabled

The inverter enters this state when the front-panel switch is in the “OFF” position or when a disable command is received over the serial port. If a fault condition occurs, the inverter switches to the Fault state. When the fault is cleared and the condition no longer exists, the inverter returns to the disabled state. The inverter displays a message on the screen indicating the inverter is disabled. When an enable command is received or the front-panel switch is changed to the “ON” position, the inverter switches to the sleep state. The inverter will also enter the disabled state when the “remote disable” relay is open.

Fault

The inverter enters this state when any fault condition occurs. The inverter can enter this state from any other state except initialize. Unless the fault is latching, the inverter clears the fault when the fault condition subsides. The inverter displays the fault codes and messages indicating the current fault conditions.

If the fault is latching, the inverter switches to the latched fault state. The inverter enters this state when a latching fault condition occurs. The inverter displays the fault codes and messages indicating the current fault conditions. When the fault is cleared, the inverter switches to the sleep state.

Sleep

In this state, the inverter is enabled but the DC voltage is below the minimum operating window. When the PV input voltage rises above the “starting” voltage, the inverter switches to the startup delay state.

Startup Delay

In this state, the inverter delays a specified time and then enters the DC precharge state. The delay depends on the conditions prior to the sleep state and the time taken to reach this state from the previous shutdown. If a grid interactive fault occurred on the previous shutdown, the inverter will remain in this state for 5 minutes.

DC Precharge

In this state, the inverter closes the DC precharge-contactor, which limits inrush current into the DC bus capacitors. When the DC bus voltage reaches the PV input voltage and is greater than the DC start voltage, the inverter switches to the AC precharge state.

AC Precharge

In this state, the inverter closes the main DC contactor and the AC precharge-contactor, which limits inrush current into the transformer. Once the transformer is magnetized, the main AC contactor is closed and the AC pre-charge contactor is opened. After a short delay the inverter switches to the idle state.

Idle

In this state, the inverter disables the drive PWM and displays a message indicating that the inverter is idle. The inverter switches to the power tracking state when the DC voltage is above the DC start voltage. If a fault condition occurs, the inverter switches to the fault state. If the DC voltage drops below the minimum, the inverter switches to the sleep state.

Power Track

In this state, the inverter operates in voltage control mode using the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) function. If a fault occurs, the inverter switches to the fault state.

6.3 Display Screens and Display Operation

Display Screens

The inverter display provides the operator with information about the current state of the inverter. There are five sets of screens that may display depending on the state of the inverter. The five states are: Startup, Power Track (normal power production state), Fault, Warning and Disabled. Each of the display screens for each state are shown in Figures 6-4 through 6-8. If there is a series of display screens associated with the inverter state then the inverter will continuously scroll through these screens.

If a fault occurs, the display also provides a fault code that corresponds to a set of pre-defined fault descriptions as detailed in *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*.

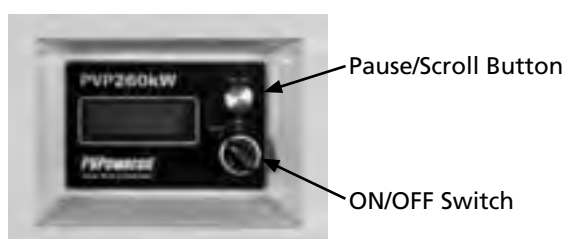


Figure 6-3 Display

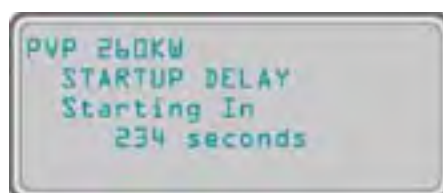


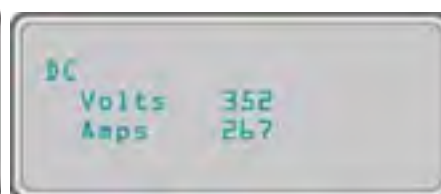
Figure 6-4 Startup State Screen



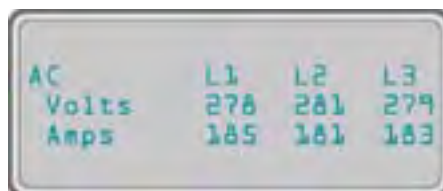
Screen 1: Product



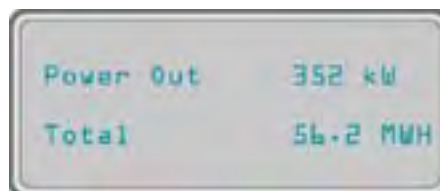
Screen 2: State



Screen 3: DC Values



Screen 4: AC Values



Screen 5: Power Values

Figure 6-5 Power Track State Screens

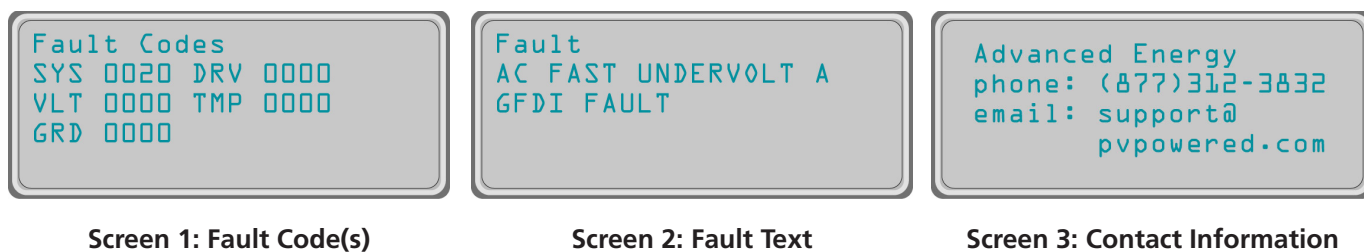


Figure 6-6 Fault State Screens



Figure 6-7 Warning State Screen

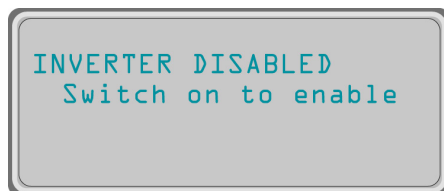


Figure 6-8 Disabled State Screen

Display Operation

The inverter display normally scrolls through a series of display screens based on the current state of the inverter.

- To pause the display on a specific screen press the “Pause/Scroll” button on the display.
- To resume the scroll function press the “Pause/Scroll” button again.

6.4 Ground Fault Interrupt Device

The inverter is equipped with a Ground Fault Detector Interrupter (GFDI). The purpose of the GFDI is to detect a ground fault (unintended current flow from the solar panels to earth ground) and in this event, disable the inverter.



WARNING

For the GFDI circuit to function as designed, the solar array safety ground must not be connected to the PV array positive or negative leads.

Bonding the safety ground to the grounded leg of the array anywhere but through the inverter will cause the GFDI circuit to be bypassed. This would defeat the operation of the GFDI and potentially create an unsafe operating condition.



AVERTISSEMENT

Pour que le circuit GFDI fonctionne normalement, la prise de terre de sécurité du système PV ne doit pas être branché aux câbles positifs ou négatifs des piles PV.

Brancher la prise de terre de sécurité au pied des piles ou à toute autre partie que l'onduleur causerait une mise hors circuit du GFDI. Ceci ne empêcherait le fonctionnement normale du circuit GFDI et créerait des conditions de fonctionnement potentiellement dangereuses.

The GFDI functions using a 5A fuse to connect or bond the solar array Negative (or the solar array Positive, if using a positively grounded panel array) to earth ground on the DC Distribution PCB.

If the ground fault current exceeds 5A between the grounded array terminal and the earth ground, the fuse will open and disconnect the solar panels from their ground reference, interrupting the ground fault. In this situation, the inverter will cease operation and display a fault message (see *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*).



Figure 6-9 Ground Fault Error Message

If the inverter displays a ground fault as shown in Figure 6-9, turn OFF the AC and DC to the inverter and refer to *Chapter 7, Maintenance & Troubleshooting*.

6.5 Shutdown Procedure

To shutdown the inverter, complete the following steps in order:

1. Turn the inverter's ON/OFF switch to the OFF position.
2. Turn the AC disconnect to the power OFF position by rotating the AC power lever to the position shown in Figure 2-1. The display on the upper front panel should be inactive.
3. Turn the DC disconnect to the power OFF position by rotating the DC power lever to the OFF position shown in Figure 6-10.
4. Open the utility connection circuit breaker.
5. Disconnect the PV array connection to the inverter using the external PV disconnect.



Figure 6-10 AC and DC Disconnect Power OFF



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. Allow five (5) minutes for internal power to dissipate prior to entering the enclosure cabinet. Ensure all terminals are voltage free with the use of a multimeter.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. Laissez passer cinq (5) minutes afin de permettre la dissipation du courant interne avant d'ouvrir les panneaux du dispositif. Utilisez un multimètre sur toutes les bornes afin de confirmer l'absence de courant.

7. Maintenance & Troubleshooting

7.1 Visual Inspection



DANGER

AC and DC voltages will still be present at the inverter AC and DC landing points unless utility connection circuit breaker and PV array inputs are disconnected.



DANGER

Les voltages alternatifs et continus seront toujours présents aux points de contact CA et CC de l'onduleur à moins que les disjoncteurs du réseau public et que les alimentations des piles PV ne soient débranchés.



DANGER

Before attempting any maintenance or troubleshooting, turn OFF AC and DC power to the inverter.



DANGER

Avant de procéder à la maintenance ou à la résolution de problèmes éventuels, fermez l'alimentation CA et CC de l'onduleur.

PV Powered recommends visually inspecting the inverter every time it is serviced. Start by observing the front, back and sides of the inverter for damage, foreign objects, or dust and debris that may have accumulated around the inverter. Remove dirt and debris from the area around the inverter at least every six months.

7.3 Annual Preventative Maintenance

Maintenance Checklist

The following maintenance should be performed annually by a qualified service person. See *Chapter 7, Maintenance & Troubleshooting* for a checklist of these required maintenance items.

A. General Inspection & Cleaning

1. Record general site conditions.
2. Record inverter performance data from inverter display.
3. Record environmental conditions.
4. Remove dirt and debris from underneath the inverter.
5. Inspect and clean interior of inverter.
6. Inspect air filter and clean or replace.
7. Confirm presence of product documentation.

B. Connections and Wiring

8. Complete visual inspection of electrical connections and wiring.
9. Complete mechanical inspection of connections and wiring.
10. Measure torque of all electrical connections and re-torque as needed.
11. Complete thermal scan of inverter connections, wiring and electronics.

C. Testing

12. Confirm the inverter operating modes including standby, startup and on.
13. Check operation of protective circuits and alarms.
14. Validate display data accuracy.

D. Repair or Replace

15. Repair or replace items that have been determined to be near the end of their useful life.

E. Reporting

16. Complete preventative maintenance report and recommendation.

F. Documentation of Annual Preventative Maintenance Checklist

Complete the maintenance checklist included in Appendix E and save the information for your records. This checklist is also available on the www.pvpowered.com web site.

Maintaining the Blower Intake Filters

PV Powered recommends an annual inspection and cleaning of the blower intake filters. Cleaning may be required more often depending on the location of the inverter.

The air intake hood is mounted on gas shocks. It must be in the open position to clean the filters.

1. Using a flat-head screwdriver, turn each of the four retainer tabs a quarter turn. The air intake hood can now be lifted to the open position.

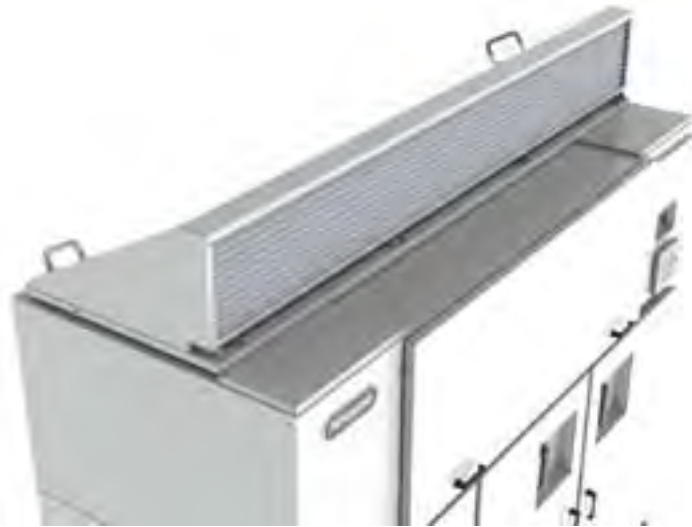


Figure 7-1 Air Intake Hood

2. Remove the four filters by loosening the wing nuts on the filter brackets.
3. Clean the filters by vacuuming or blowing out using an air hose with a diffuser.
4. After cleaning, inspect the filters for damage to the filters or frames.
Contact PV Powered if you wish to replace the filters or frames.
5. Reinsert the filters and close the air intake hood.



**Figure 7-2 Air Intake Hood in Raised Position for View of
Blower Intake Filters and Brackets**

7.4 Maintaining the Card Cage Air Filter

The card cage features a secondary air filter to ensure long PCB life. The card cage air filter is located under the intake air shroud above the card cage which is located on the right side of the power module assembly in the upper cabinet.

Use the following instructions to access the secondary air filter and refer to Figure 7-3.

1. Remove the air intake shroud above the card cage. This will expose the air filter.
2. Remove the four screws on the card cage air filter.
3. Clean the filter with compressed air.
4. Once the filter is cleaned, replace the filter and shroud.

If the filter needs to be replaced, call PV Powered Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832, or email support@pvpowered.com.

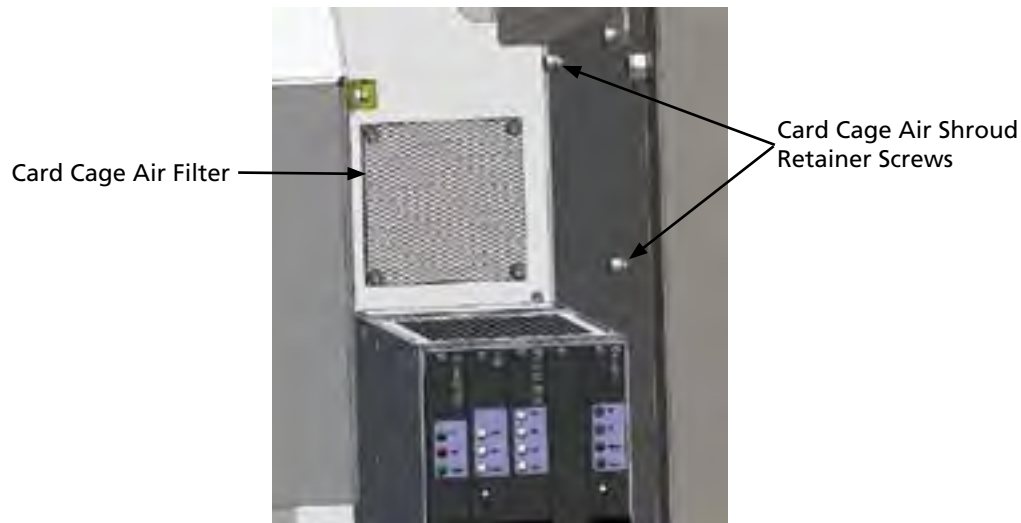


Figure 7-3 Card Cage Air Filter

7.5 Faults and Warnings

The display screen is the primary indicator of a possible problem with the inverter. If a fault has occurred the inverter will cease power production until the fault is cleared. A fault may be a latching or non-latching fault. A non-latching fault will be automatically cleared if the fault condition is resolved and the inverter will restart automatically after completing its startup sequence. A latching fault requires manual intervention to restart the inverter.

If the inverter has faulted, the display screen will show the corresponding fault information in a series of three or more screens.

- The first screen – displays the fault code(s)
- The second screen – displays a text description of the fault(s).
- The third screen – displays technical support contact information.

The display will then cycle back to the first screen. A sample series of screens is shown in Figure 7-4 below.

The complete list of fault codes are provided in *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes* as a guide.

Identifying the Inverter's Fault Codes

Startup

Upon startup, the inverter will automatically scroll between the startup screens shown in Figure 7-4.

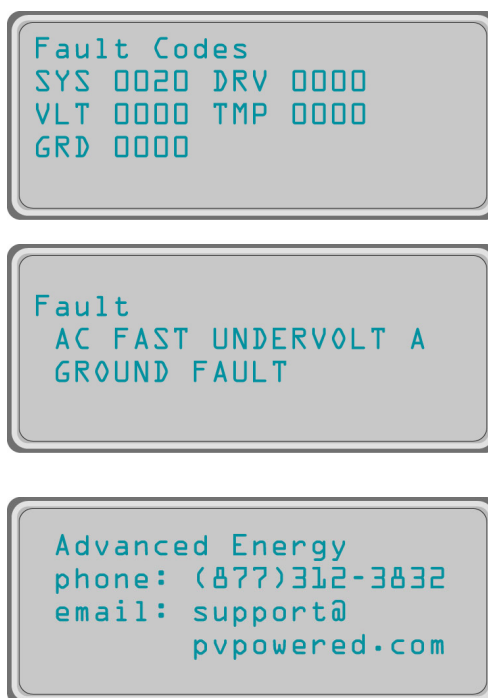


Figure 7-4 Example of the Fault Display Screens

In addition, the inverter can also detect and display inverter warnings. Warnings are displayed if a condition is detected that does not require the inverter to shut down but may require attention. A sample warning screen is shown below in Figure 7-5.

A complete list of warnings can be found in *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*.



Figure 7-5 Fault Example Screen

7.6 Troubleshooting Faults



WARNING

These servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing other than that specified in the operating instructions for someone of your qualifications.



AVERTISSEMENT

Ces instructions de maintenance sont destinées à être utilisées exclusivement par du personnel qualifié. Afin de minimiser les risques d'électrocution, vous êtes prié de ne pas effectuer d'autres opérations de maintenance que celles spécifiées dans le manuel d'exploitation, en fonction votre niveau de qualification.

Before performing advanced troubleshooting, the inverter must be deenergized as described in *6.5 Shutdown Procedure*.



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. Allow five (5) minutes for internal power to dissipate prior to entering the enclosure cabinet. Ensure all terminals are voltage free with the use of a multimeter.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. Laissez passer cinq (5) minutes afin de permettre la dissipation du courant interne avant d'ouvrir les panneaux du dispositif. Utilisez un multimètre sur toutes les bornes afin de confirmer l'absence de courant.

Prior to conducting the following troubleshooting steps, perform a visual inspection targeting loose or disconnected wires, fuses, other connections or hardware problems. If the visual inspection reveals potentially unsafe conditions, discontinue troubleshooting and contact PV Powered Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832, or email support@pvpowered.com prior to proceeding.

AC Under Voltage Fault

If the inverter displays an AC Under Voltage fault *and* all the voltages going into the inverter are within the tolerances specified in *Appendix A - Specifications*, refer to the troubleshooting tips below.

1. If the main branch circuit breaker is not tripped, check the small fuses located on the AC distribution PCB (there are nine in three sets of three). If one or more of these fuses have opened, replace them with like parts (600VAC, 10A or 20A as required).
2. If any of the fuses were open, visually inspect the wiring. Look for frayed wires, carbon marks indicating a short, or burned traces on the PCBs. If any of these conditions are present, **DO NOT START THE INVERTER**. Call PV Powered Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832, or email support@pvpowered.com for replacement parts or service.

Ground Fault

The inverter is equipped with a GFDI (Ground Fault Detector Interrupter). The purpose of the GFDI is to detect a ground fault (unintended current flow from the solar panels to earth ground) and in this event, disable the inverter.



WARNING

For the GFDI circuit to function as designed, the solar array safety ground must not be connected to the PV array positive or negative leads.

Bonding the safety ground to the grounded leg of the array anywhere but through the inverter will cause the GFDI circuit to be bypassed. This would defeat the operation of the GFDI and potentially create an unsafe operating condition.



AVERTISSEMENT

Pour que le circuit GFDI fonctionne normalement, la prise de terre de sécurité du système PV ne doit pas être branché aux câbles positifs ou négatifs des piles PV.

Brancher la prise de terre de sécurité au pied des piles ou à toute autre partie que l'onduleur causerait une mise hors circuit du GFDI. Ceci ne empêcherait le fonctionnement normale du circuit GFDI et créerait des conditions de fonctionnement potentiellement dangereuses.

The GFDI functions using a 5A fuse to connect or bond the solar array Negative (or the solar array Positive, if using a positively grounded panel array) to earth ground on the DC Distribution PCB.

If the ground fault current exceeds 5A between the grounded array terminal and the earth ground, the GFDI fuse will open and disconnect the solar panels from their ground reference, interrupting the ground fault. In this situation, the inverter will cease operation and show a ground fault message on the inverter.

If the inverter displays a ground fault, turn the ON/OFF switch on the display to OFF, then turn off the AC and DC to the inverter.

A ground fault may be caused by the following:

1. A configuration error during commissioning.
2. Switching the grounded conductor in the DC disconnect. For a negatively grounded system, the positive leg should be broken in the DC disconnect. For a positively grounded system, the negative leg should be broken in the DC disconnect.
3. A pinched wire in the installation connecting some part of the array or DC wiring to earth ground.
4. In the case of a multiple inverter installation, mismatched array strings.

Repairing a Ground Fault



DANGER

Risk of Electrical Shock. Allow five (5) minutes for internal power to dissipate prior to entering the enclosure cabinet. Ensure all terminals are voltage free with the use of a multimeter.



DANGER

Risque d'électrocution. Laissez passer cinq (5) minutes afin de permettre la dissipation du courant interne avant d'ouvrir les panneaux du dispositif. Utilisez un multimètre sur toutes les bornes afin de confirmer l'absence de courant.



DANGER

Verify that no shock hazard exists between both fuse terminals and earth ground before removing the fuse. A 600V rated fuse pulling device is required.



DANGER

Vérifiez qu'aucun risque de court-circuit n'existe entre les bornes des fusibles et la masse avant d'enlever le fusible. L'utilisation d'un extracteur de fusible d'une capacité de 600V est requise.

Open the DC side door and find the DC Distribution PCB (Figure 1-7). Inspect the 5A GFDI fuse for continuity using a multimeter. If the fuse is open, a ground fault exists outside the inverter. Identify and repair the ground fault and replace the fuse. Close the door and restart the inverter following the instructions described in *Start Up Procedure*.

If the fuse is not open, continue troubleshooting by following the steps below. With the GFDI fuse removed:

1. Check for continuity (ohms) across the GFDI fuse. If the meter indicates no continuity then a ground fault likely exists.
 - Check the DC voltage between the grounded terminal of the array and earth ground. The voltage should be less than 30 volts with the GFDI fuse removed. If the voltage is higher than 30 volts, a ground fault likely still exists. Check the array wiring. For the best results, perform this test with the DC disconnect in both the ON and OFF positions.
 - Make sure the grounded leg of the solar array is not disconnected in the DC disconnect.
2. Once the ground fault condition has been eliminated, verify the voltage between earth ground and the grounded side of the PV array is less than 30 volts.
3. Ensure the DC disconnect is in the OFF position and install the new GFDI fuse.
4. Follow section *Start Up Procedure* to restart the inverter.

If the ground fault cannot be eliminated, contact PV Powered Technical Support at 1-877-312-3832, or email support@pvpowered.com.

7.7 Communication PCB Status Light Operation

Communication PCB LED Lights

All PV Powered commercial inverters include four status LED lights to help troubleshoot system operation:

Link – Indicates presence of a hardware Ethernet connection

Activity (or ACT) – Indicates internet traffic

Status – Indicates communication status

Modbus – Indicates activity on the Modbus network

Location of Communication PCB LED Lights

The communication PCB's four LED lights can be found in two locations.

- Communication card – The primary location is on the face of the communication card which resides in the card cage in the right side of the Power Module Assembly. Refer to Figure 7-6.
- Comm X PCB – The additional set of LED lights are on the Comm X PCB located in the Data Monitoring Section in the front upper right of the inverter. These four lights are surface mount LEDs located near the Ethernet connector. Refer to Figure 7-7. These lights are redundant and are synchronized with those in the Power Module cabinet's Communication card.

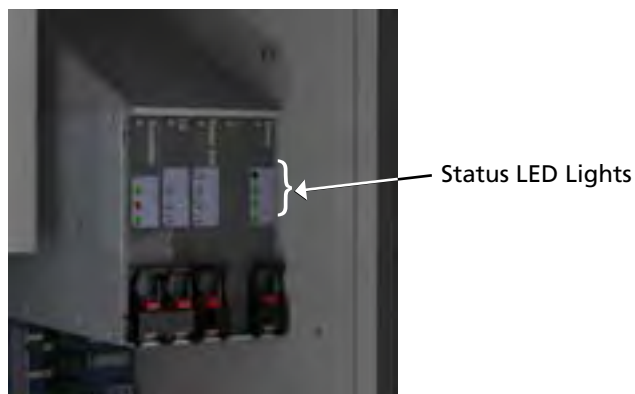


Figure 7-6 Communications Card with Status LED Lights

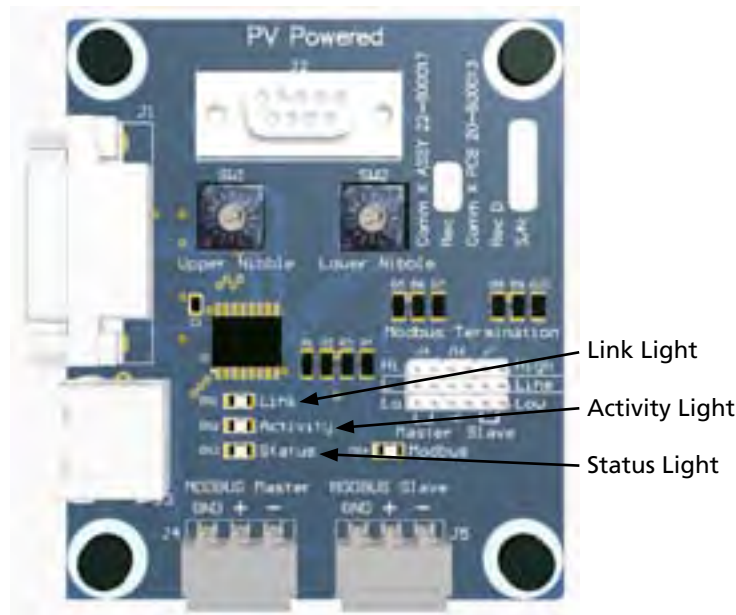


Figure 7-7 Comm X PCB Lights

Link LED Operation and Signaling

- The Link LED remains on if a hardware Ethernet connection is found.
- The LED is off if there is no hardware Ethernet connection.
- There are no flash codes for the Link LED.

Activity LED Operation and Signaling

- The Activity LED (called ACT on some circuit PCBs) flashes to indicate the presence of internet traffic.
- There are no flash codes for the Activity LED.

Status LED Operation and Signaling

- During the startup sequence the Status LED is on solid for a few seconds, then flashes quickly for several seconds while the communications device looks for an Internet connection.
- After a few seconds, the Status LED flashes more slowly while serial communication is established with the inverter's main processor.
- Once serial communication is established, the Status LED should remain on unless a fault occurs.

The Status LED will flash status codes if any problem is found.

- Each code is comprised of a series of three flashes, followed by a pause.
- Each flash can be either a short or long flash. A short flash is approximately 0.2 seconds and a long flash is approximately 0.5 seconds.
- The pause between flashes is one second.

The following list provides the status codes and their meaning.

Status	Flash Code
Normal Operation	On steady, no flashing
Serial Communication Fault	Short-Long-Short
DNS Failure	Long-Short-Short
Network Connection Fault	Short-Short-Long

Table 7-1 Status LED Flash Codes

Status LED Code Descriptions

Normal Operation: Inverter communications are operating normally.

Serial Communication Fault: The communication PCB in the inverter communicates with the inverter's main processor via serial communication. If the communication PCB cannot establish communication with the main processor, the Serial Communication Fault code will flash.

Note: *It is normal for this status code to flash for a few seconds during startup.*

DNS Failure: The inverter uses a DNS (Domain Name Service) server to resolve the IP address of the PV Powered database when it posts the data, once every 15 minutes. If the DNS server cannot be found, or does not return a valid IP address, the DNS Failure code will flash for a minute or so while the inverter is trying to post. After several retries, the inverter will try to force a post to a hardcoded IP address. If this post succeeds, the LED will go back to normal operation until the next post again tries to connect to the DNS server.

Network Connection Fault: This status code flashes when the inverter cannot post data to the PV Powered database server. The Network Connection Fault status code starts flashing only after the inverter has tried to post data to the PV Powered server. The Status LED may indicate normal operation before this occurs. This can happen in the following circumstances:

- The network cable is not connected.
- The network does not have a DHCP server or the DHCP server did not give a valid IP address to the inverter.
- The PV Powered server is down for maintenance.
- Any other network problem that does not allow the post to make it to the PV Powered server.

Modbus LED Operation and Signaling

If the inverter is connected as a slave device on a Modbus network, the Modbus LED will flash quickly whenever there is activity on the network. The quick flashes will be seen even if the Modbus commands are not addressed to the inverter. These quick flashes enable the installer to troubleshoot the system by verifying that communications are occurring on the network. If the inverter sees and responds to a message that is addressed

to it, the flashes will be longer in duration. A series of longer (slower) flashes indicates the inverter is responding to the Modbus master request.

Periodic short and long flashes will be seen when communications occur on a Modbus network that contains multiple Modbus slave devices.

If only short flashes are seen:

- Check the inverter Modbus address switches and make sure they correspond to the address programmed into the Modbus master.
- Confirm that the baud rate and other communication parameters of the Modbus master are set correctly.

For further Modbus network configuration details see *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes*.

7.8 Controller PCB Status Light Operation

There are two lights on the front of the Controller PCB, a green and a red light.

If the green light is on:

- The inverter is on and ready to produce power.

If the red light is on:

- Solid red — the inverter is in a faulted condition that will be auto reset by the inverter if the fault condition is cleared.
- Flashing red — there is a latching fault. A latching fault requires manual intervention prior to the inverter restart.

If the red light is on or flashing, a fault code should be shown on the display. See *Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes* for a description of the fault codes.

Appendix A - Specifications

Characteristic	PVP250kW (600VAC)	PVP250kW (480VAC)	PVP260kW (480VAC)	PVP260kW-LV (480VAC)
AC Characteristics				
Continuous power (AC)	249.5kW		260kW	
Grid type	3 phase, 4 wire Y (not compatible with delta service)			
Nominal AC voltages (VAC)	600 Y	480 Y		
Maximum output fault current and duration (Also called maximum fault current contribution)	1200A/29 ms			
Maximum utility backfeed current (A)	593			
AC maximum continuous current (A)	243	304	316	
CEC efficiency (%)	96.5	96.5	97	96.5
Peak efficiency (%)	97.7			
Frequency range	59.3 - 60.5Hz			
AC voltage range set points (default)	(-12% to +10%)			
AC operating range (V)	528VAC – 660VAC	423VAC – 528VAC		
Power factor at full power	> .99			
THD (%)	< 3%			
Standby losses (W)	90	67		
Utility interconnect voltage trip limits and times	See Appendix D			
Utility frequency trip limits and times	See Appendix D			
DC Characteristics				
DC input busbar rating	1,600 A			
Maximum operating input current (A)	890		925	1,030
Subcombiner DC fuse options (1600A max. total fusing)	75A - 400A			
MPPT range	295-595			265-595
Maximum V _{OC}	600			
Startup voltage VDC	330			300
General Specifications				
Cooling	Forced Convection			
Operating ambient temperature range (°C)	-30 to 50°			
Standby/storage ambient temperature range (°C)	-40 to 60°			

Characteristic	PVP250kW (600VAC)	PVP250kW (480VAC)	PVP260kW (480VAC)	PVP260kW-LV (480VAC)
Limits of accuracy time measurement	+/- 0.1 sec			
Enclosure rating	NEMA 4			
Dimensions (H x W X D in inches)	93 1/2 x 98 7/8 x 41 3/8			
Maximum weight (lbs)	5,000			
Relative humidity (%)	0-95%, non-condensing			
Maximum heat rejection rate (BTU/hr)	41,000			
Maximum blower air flow rate (CFM)	2,300			
Altitude (ft)	6,000			
Display	VFD 4x20			
Interface options	RS232 & Ethernet			
Communications protocol	RS-485, IP over Ethernet			
Standard warranty	10 years			
Certifications & Compliances ^{1,2}	UL1741, CSA107.1-1, IEEE519, IEEE929, IEEE1547, FCC Class A			
Construction	Powder coated steel with hot-dipped zinc base			
Isolation transformer	Yes			
Startup power (W)	1,800			
Noise emission (dBA) 3 - typical value at full load	< 65 dBA at 8 ft < 59 dBA at 50 ft			
Options				
UL approved positive grounding	Yes			
Commercial grade data monitoring solutions	Yes			
Preventative maintenance program	Yes			
Extended warranty - 20 year	Yes			
Range of integrated fused sub-array combiners from one to nine fuses from 75 to 600 Amps	Yes			

Table A-1 Product Specifications Data

Notes:

1. The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters comply with FCC Part 15 Class A conducted requirements. Radiated will be tested at a later date and will be tested to CISPR, not FCC.
2. The PVP250kW and PVP260kW Inverters are designed to meet or exceed NEC Article 690 and UL1741-2005 Static Inverters and Charge Controllers for use in Photovoltaic Power Systems, which includes testing for IEEE 1547.1-2005, IEEE 929-2000 and IEEE519-2000.
3. Declared Single-Number Noise Emission Values in Accordance with ISO 4871. dBA = A-weighted time average sound pressure level, LpAd in decibels. 50 ft. data is extrapolated from the 8 ft. data.

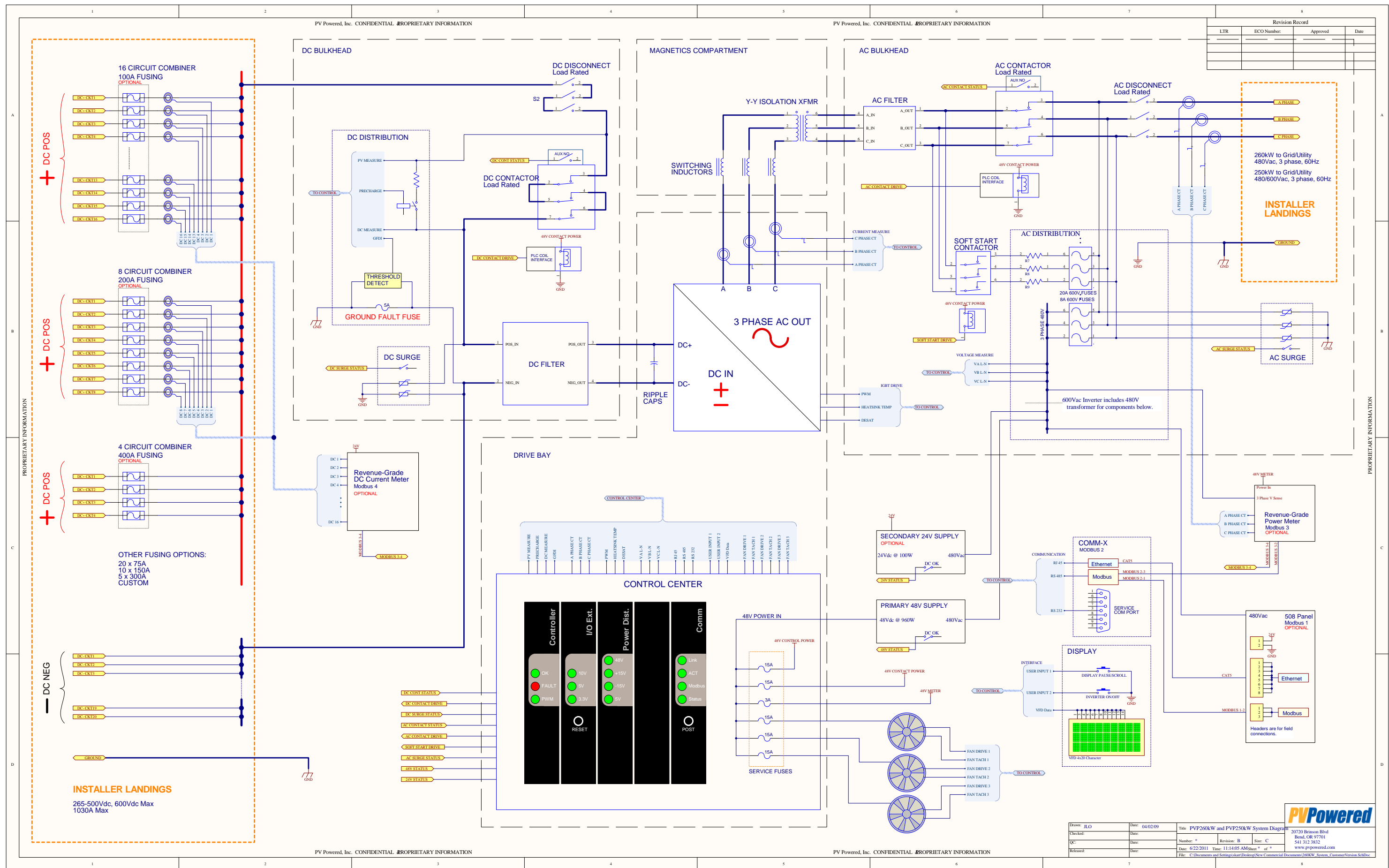
Limits:

Limits of accuracy of voltage measurement and energy production measurements +/- 5%

Limits of accuracy of frequency measurement +/- 0.1Hz

Appendix B - Wiring Diagram

Refer to the following pages for the PVP250kW and PVP260kW wiring diagram.



Appendix C - Mechanical Drawings

Refer to the following pages for mechanical drawings of the PVP250kW and PVP260kW inverters.

C.1 PVP250kW/PVP260kW Mechanical Drawings

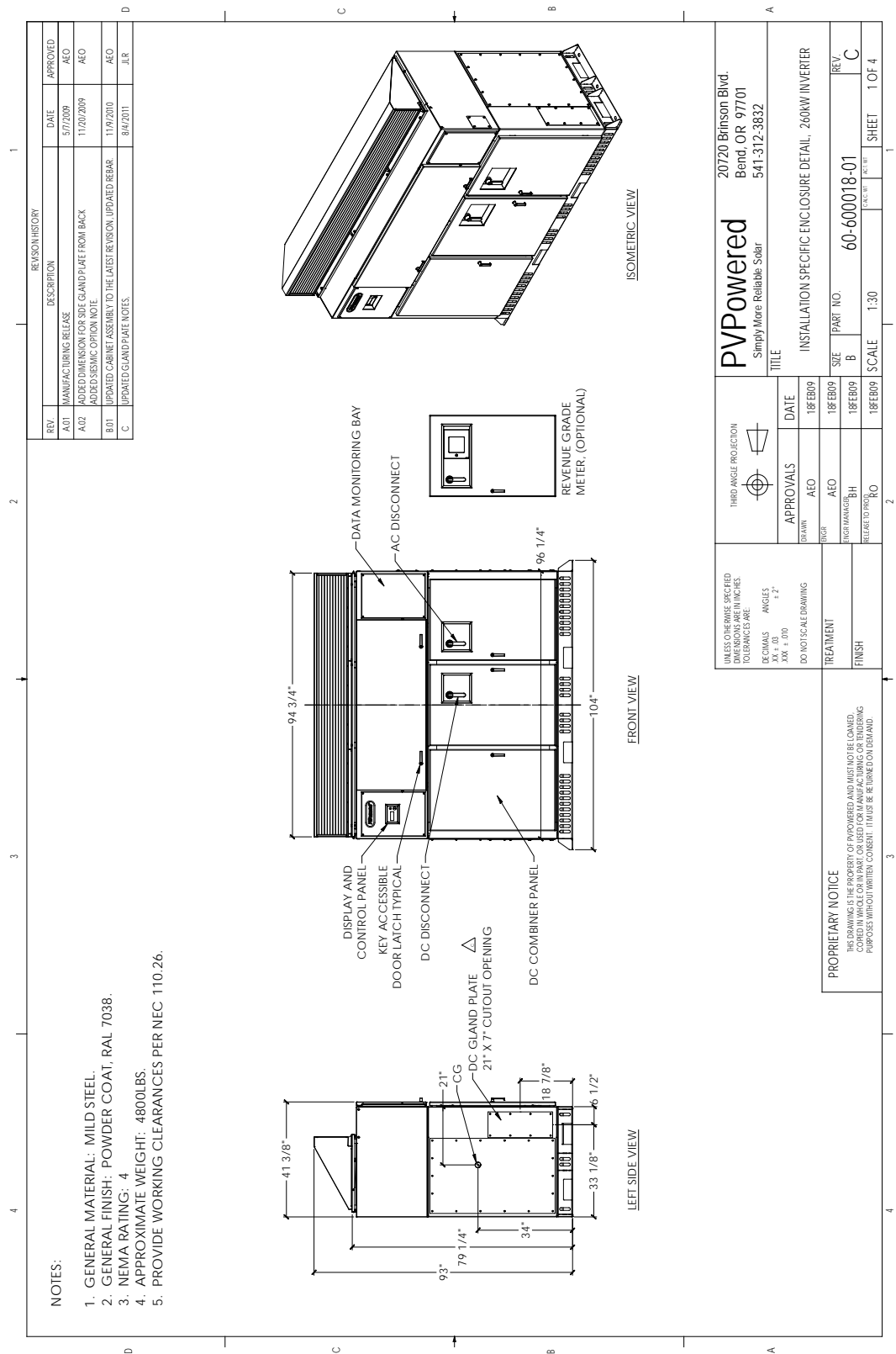


Figure C-1 PVP250kW/PVP260kW Mechanical Drawing - View 1

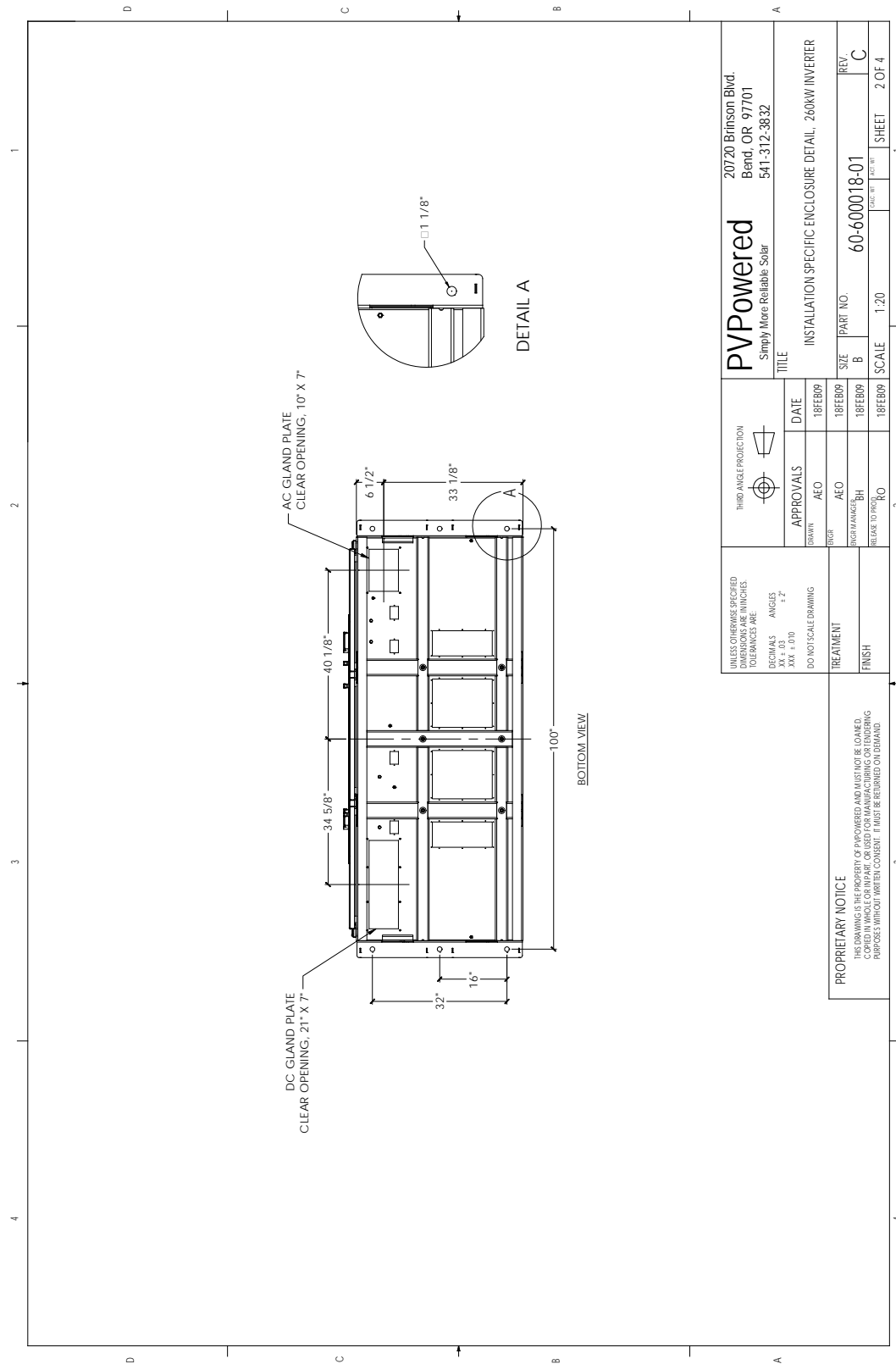


Figure C-2 PVP250kW/PVP260kW Mechanical Drawing - View 2

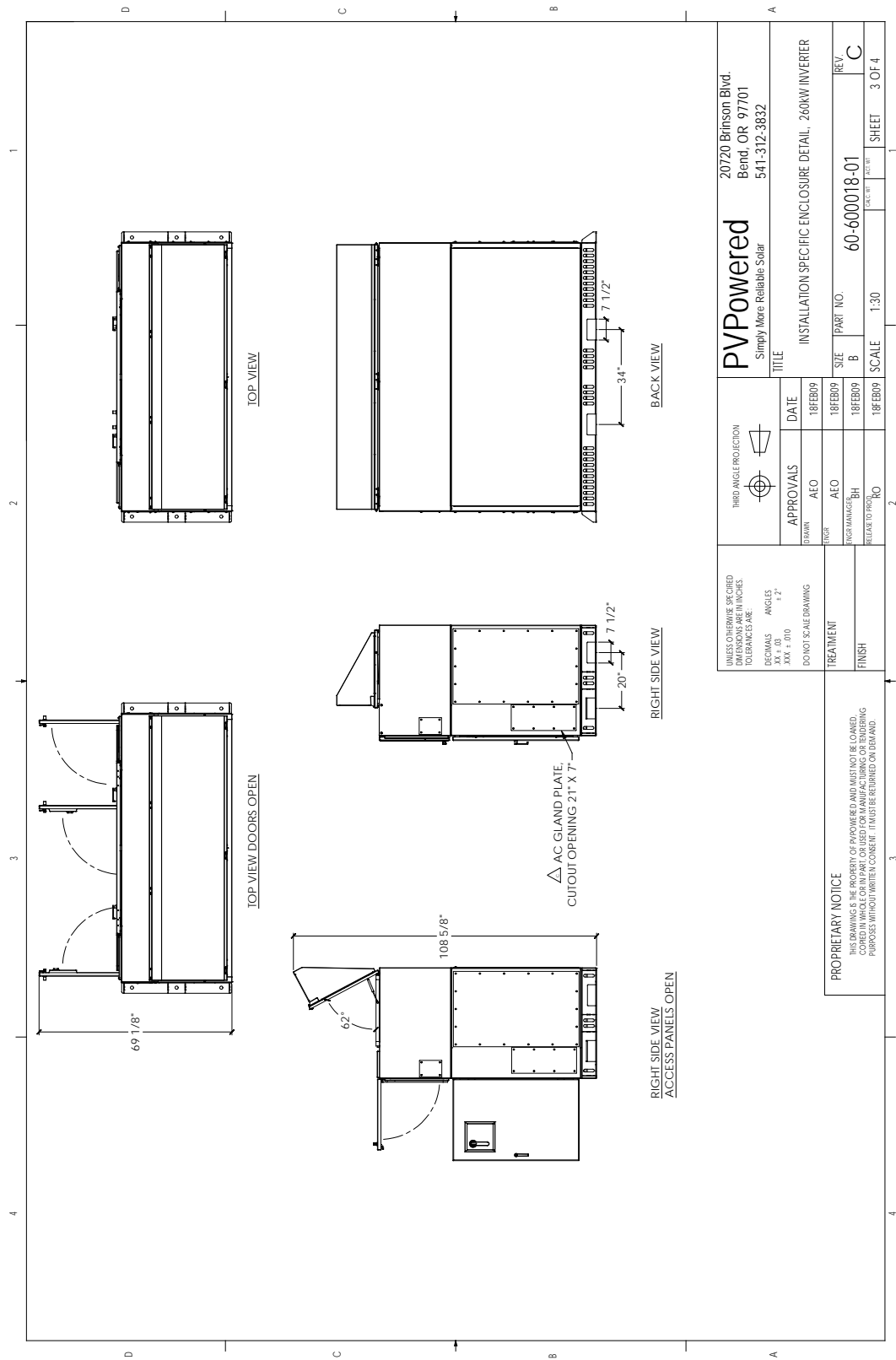


Figure C-3 PVP250kW/PVP260kW Mechanical Drawing - View 3

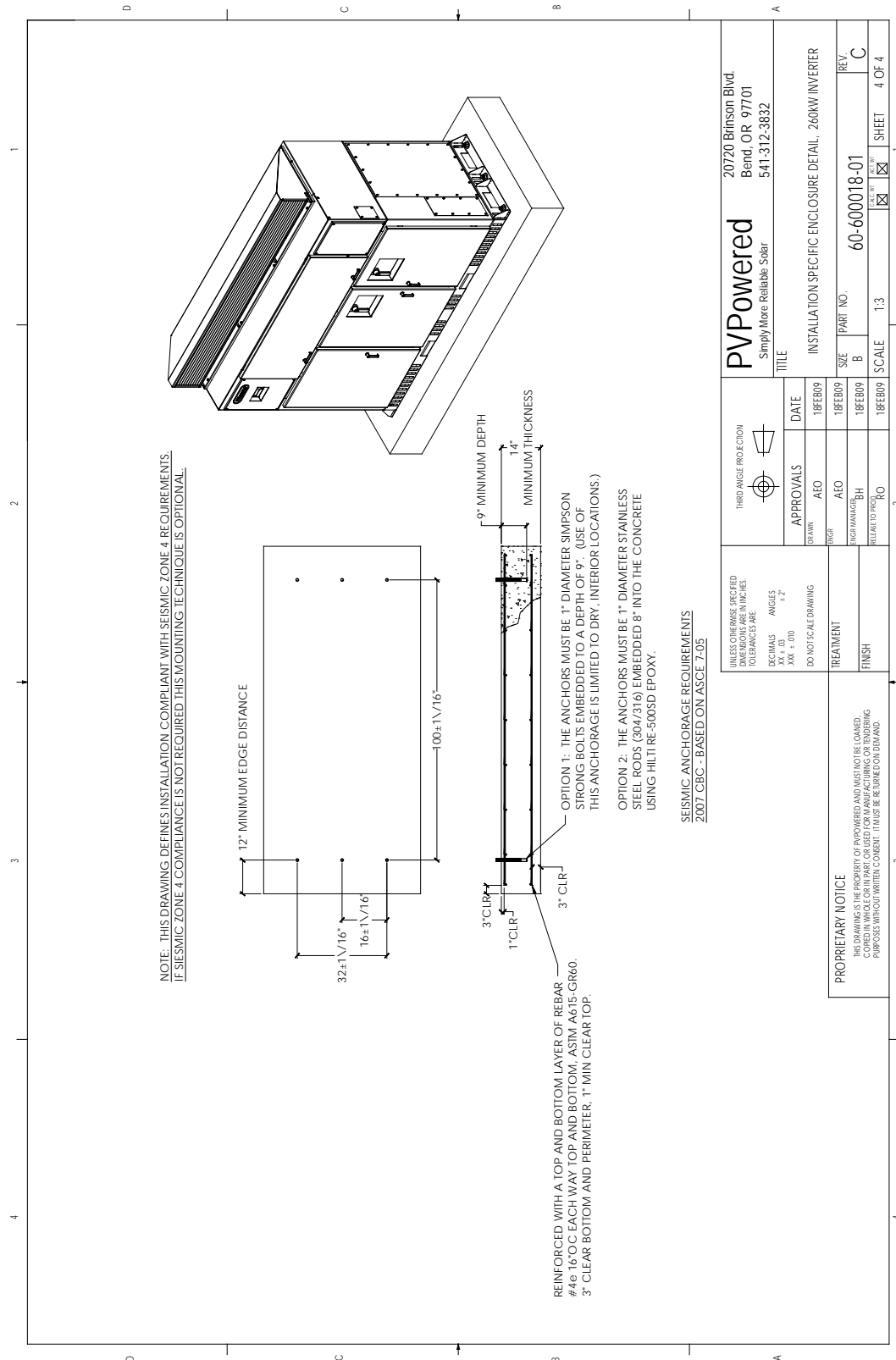


Figure C-4 PVP250kW/PVP260kW Mechanical Drawing - View 4

Appendix D - Limits, Fault Codes, Torque Values, and Wire Sizes

Condition	Factory setting (VAC or Hz)	Range (VAC)	Maximum Trip Time(s)
480VAC Configuration			
Voltage phase high	304.8	304.8 – 332.5	1.0
Voltage phase low	243.9	216.1 – 243.9	2.0
Voltage phase fast high	332.5	332.5	0.16
Voltage phase fast low	138.6	138.6	0.16
600VAC Configuration			
Voltage phase high	381.1	381.1 – 415.7	1.0
Voltage phase low	304.8	270.2 – 314.8	2.0
Voltage phase fast high	415.7	415.7	0.16
Voltage phase fast low	173.2	173.2	0.16
All Configurations			
Line frequency low	59.3 Hz	57.5-59.8	0.16
Line frequency high	60.5 Hz	60.5	0.16

Table D-1 Voltage and Frequency Limits

Condition	Adjustable Setting (VAC) or (Hz)
AC Voltage Field Adjustable Trip Points (% of Nominal)	-22% to +20%
Accessible Range of Low Frequency Setting (Hz) (Limits of Accuracy Frequency Measurement +/-0.1 Hz)	Adjustable low trip 57.5-59.8 High trip fixed at 60.5
Accessible range of Trip Times (Limits of Accuracy Time Measurement +/- 0.1 sec.)	.16 to 300 seconds

Table D-2 Adjustable Voltage and Frequency Limits

PVP250kW and PVP260kW Faults and Warnings

Fault Variables

The PVP250kW and PVP260kW firmware utilizes one, 16-bit variable (fault) to indicate a fault condition. Each bit in this fault variable represents the fault type or category. The bit assignments and specific fault variables for the fault categories are as follows:

Description	Bit Nbr.	Hex Value	Decimal Value
Modbus register number = 42102			
Drive fault	0	1	1
Voltage fault	1	2	2
Grid fault	2	4	4
Temperature fault	3	8	8
System fault	4	10	16
Latching fault	15	8000	32768

Table D-3 Main Fault Categories

For each fault category, another fault variable further specifies which fault has occurred within this category. The following tables list the faults for each category (variable).

The following table lists the drive protection faults, gate or current.

Hexadecimal Value	Display String	Description
0001	DRIVE A LOW	Drive protection fault, phase A low
0002	DRIVE A HIGH	Drive protection fault, phase B high
0004	DRIVE B LOW	Drive protection fault, phase C low
0008	DRIVE B HIGH	Drive protection fault, phase A high
0010	DRIVE C LOW	Drive protection fault, phase B low
0020	DRIVE C HIGH	Drive protection fault, phase C high
0040	HW OVERCURRENT A	Peak over-current, phase A
0080	HW OVERCURRENT B	Peak over-current, phase B
0100	HW OVERCURRENT C	Peak over-current, phase C
0200	RMS OVERCURRENT A	RMS over-current, phase A
0400	RMS OVERCURRENT B	RMS over-current, phase B
0800	RMS OVERCURRENT C	RMS over-current, phase C
1000	DC OVERVOLTAGE	DC volts over range
2000	DC UNDERVOLTAGE	DC volts under range

Table D-4 Drive Faults

The following table lists the voltage faults, including VAC sense, VDC and power supply faults.

Hexadecimal Value	Display String	Description
0001	VAC OVER PEAK A	Peak AC voltage high, phase A
0002	VAC OVER PEAK B	Peak AC voltage high, phase B
0004	VAC OVER PEAK C	Peak AC voltage high, phase C
0008	PLL FAULT	Control PLL fault
0010	AC UNBALANCED FAULT	AC voltages unbalanced
0020	DC OVER VOLTAGE	DC voltage high
0040	POWER SUPPLY P5	5V power supply fault
0080	POWER SUPPLY P15	15V power supply fault
0100	POWER SUPPLY M15	-15V power supply fault
0200	POWER SUPPLY 10	10V power supply fault
0400	POWER SUPPLY 24	24V power supply fault
0800	POWER SUPPLY 48	48V power supply fault
1000	DC PRECHARGE	DC precharge fault
2000	PV-DC DELTA	PV input and DC bus voltage delta

Table D-5 Voltage Fault (VLT)

The grid faults in the following table include grid interactive voltage and frequency faults.

Hexadecimal Value	Display String	Description
0001	AC FAST UNDERVOLT A	Fast AC voltage low, phase A
0002	AC FAST UNDERVOLT B	Fast AC voltage low, phase B
0004	AC FAST UNDERVOLT C	Fast AC voltage low, phase C
0008	AC SLOW UNDERVOLT A	Slow AC voltage low, phase A
0010	AC SLOW UNDERVOLT B	Slow AC voltage low, phase B
0020	AC SLOW UNDERVOLT C	Slow AC voltage low, phase C
0040	AC FAST OVERVOLT A	Fast AC voltage high, phase A
0080	AC FAST OVERVOLT B	Fast AC voltage high, phase B
0100	AC FAST OVERVOLT C	Fast AC voltage high, phase C
0200	AC SLOW OVERVOLT A	Slow AC voltage high, phase A
0400	AC SLOW OVERVOLT B	Slow AC voltage high, phase B
0800	AC SLOW OVERVOLT C	Slow AC voltage high, phase C
1000	AC UNDER FREQ	Low frequency fault
2000	AC OVER FREQ	High frequency fault

Table D-6 Grid Fault (GRD)

The following table lists the temperature faults.

Hexadecimal Value	Display String	Description
0001	HEATSINK TEMP A1	Module heat-sink A1 temperature high
0002	HEATSINK TEMP A2	Module heat-sink A2 temperature high
0004	HEATSINK TEMP B1	Module heat-sink B1 temperature high
0008	HEATSINK TEMP B2	Module heat-sink B2 temperature high
0010	HEATSINK TEMP C1	Module heat-sink C1 temperature high
0020	HEATSINK TEMP C2	Module heat-sink C2 temperature high
0040	BOARD TEMP HI	Control board temperature high
0080	DRIVE TEMP LOW	Drive temperature low
0100	MAGNETICS TEMP HI	Magnetics temperature high
0200	AMBIENT TEMP LOW	Ambient temperature low
0400	MAG TEMP LOW	Magnetics temperature low
0800	IPM TEMP HIGH	IPM temperature high

Table D-7 Temperature Fault (TMP)

The following table lists the miscellaneous system faults.

Hexadecimal Value	Display String	Description
0001	GROUND FAULT	Ground fault
0002	AC CONTACTOR	AC contactor fault
0004	DC CONTACTOR	DC contactor fault
0008	WD TIMER	Watchdog fault
0010	CPU LOAD	CPU load fault
0020	RESTART LIMIT	Too many fault restarts
0040	CONFIGURATION	Configuration fault
0080	CURRENT IMBALANCE	AC current imbalance
0100	AC VOLTAGE SENSE	No AC voltage detected
0400	THERMAL SWITCH OPEN	Thermal switch open
0800	DICSONNECT OPEN	Disconnect open

Table D-8 System Faults (SYS)

The following table lists the system warnings.

Hexadecimal Value	Display String	Description
0001	FAN 1 WARNING	Fan 1 warning
0002	FAN 2 WARNING	Fan 2 warning
0004	FAN 3 WARNING	Fan 3 warning
0008	MAG HITEMP WARNING	Magnetics high temperature warning
0010	HI TEMP PWR LIMIT	Power foldback warning
0020	DELTA TEMP WARNING	Heatsink delta temperature warning
0080	GFI CURRENT WARNING	GFDI current warning
0100	AC SURGE WARNING	AC surge warning
0200	DC SURGE WARNING	DC surge warning
0400	DC CURRENT WARNING	Negative DC current warning

Table D-9 System Warnings

DC Subcombiner Inputs

The following table reflects proper DC wire sizing and torque values per subcombiner application:

Fuse Block Maximum Amperage	Maximum Wire Size	Required Torque	Terminal Temp. Rating
400	Qty. two (2) - Al/Cu 350kcmil-#4	43 ft-lbs	75°C
200	Al/Cu 350kcmil-#6	31 ft-lbs	75°C
100	Al/Cu #2/0-6	10 ft-lbs	75°C
Direct to busbar	No wire size limit. Must use Grade 8 3/8" hardware.	40 ft-lbs	90°C

Table D-10 Subcombiner Wire Sizing and Torque Values

AC & DC Bus Landing Hardware

The following diagram details the installation of the input wiring to the busbars.

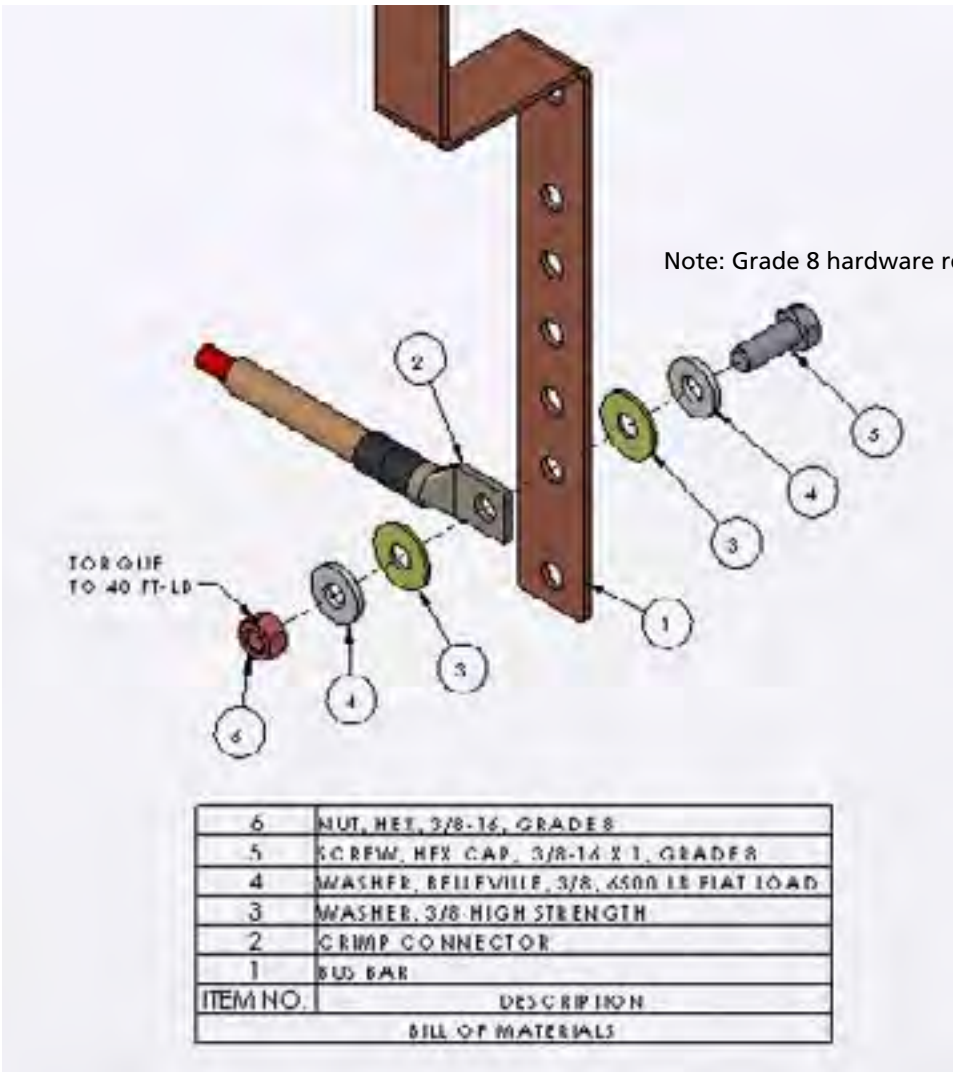


Figure D-1 AC and DC Bus Landing Hardware with Torque Values

Appendix E - Annual Maintenance Requirements Checklist

Item #	Requirement	✓
A	General Inspection & Cleaning	
1	Record general site conditions	
2	Record inverter performance data from inverter display	
3	Record environmental conditions	
4	Remove dirt and debris from underneath inverter	
5	Inspect and clean interior of inverter	
6	Inspect air filter and replace or clean	
7	Confirm presence of product documentation	
B	Connections and Wiring	
8	Complete visual inspection of electrical connections and wiring	
9	Complete mechanical inspection of connections and wiring	
10	Measure torque of all electrical connections and re-torque as needed	
11	Complete thermal scan of inverter connections, wiring and electronics	
C	Testing	
12	Confirm inverter operating modes including standby, startup and on	
13	Confirm power supply and transformer outputs	
14	Validate display data accuracy	
D	Repair or Replace	
15	Repair or replace items that have been determined to be near end of their useful life	
E	Reporting	
16	Complete preventative maintenance report and recommendations	

Table E-1 Annual Maintenance Requirements Checklist

Appendix F - Efficiency Curves

F.1 PVP250kW (600VAC) - Efficiency Curves

Input Voltage (Vdc)	Power Level (%; kW)						Wtd
	10%	20%	30%	50%	75%	100%	
Vmin 295	24.95	49.90	74.85	124.75	187.13	249.50	96.8
Vnom 341	95.2	96.8	97.1	97.1	96.8	96.4	96.6
Vmax 480	94.8	96.5	96.8	96.9	96.6	96.3	96.6
	93.4	95.6	96.1	96.2	96.0	95.7	95.9

CEC Efficiency = 96.5%

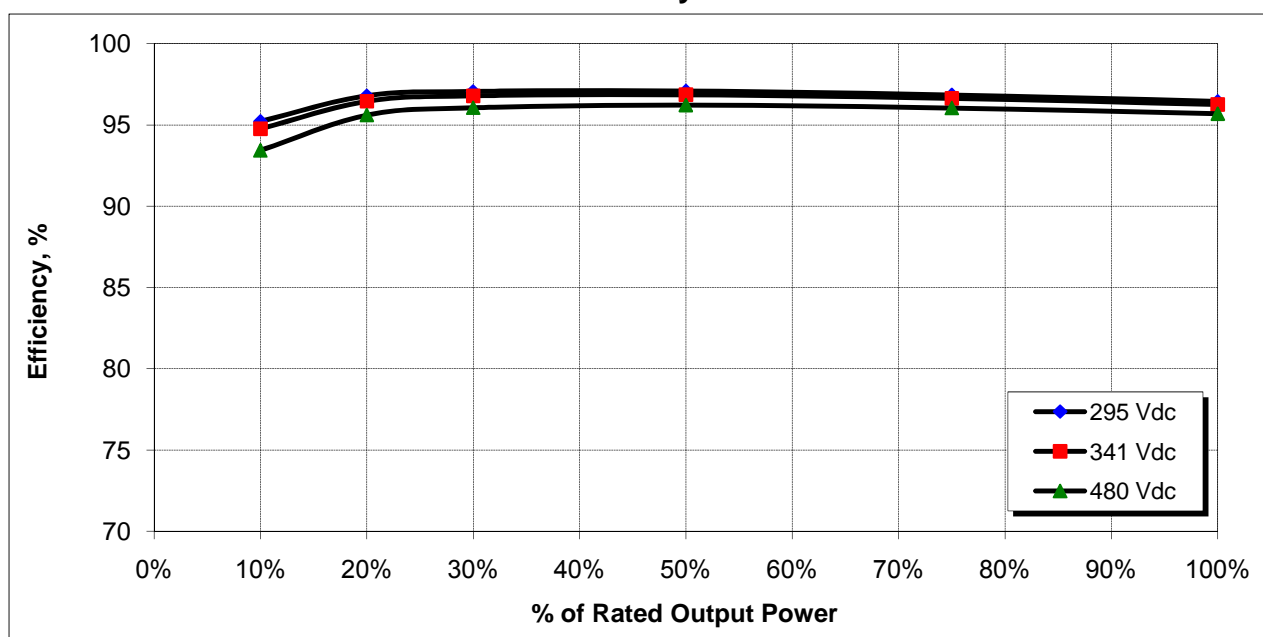


Figure F-1 PVP250kW (600VAC) Efficiency Curves

F.2 PVP250kW (480VAC) - Efficiency Curves

Input Voltage (Vdc)	Power Level (%; kW)						Wtd
	10%	20%	30%	50%	75%	100%	
Vmin 295	24.95	49.90	74.85	124.75	187.13	249.50	96.7
Vnom 341	96.0	97.0	96.9	96.9	96.6	96.1	96.5
Vmax 480	95.6	96.6	96.7	96.8	96.4	96.0	95.9
	94.7	95.8	96.2	96.2	95.9	95.4	95.9

CEC Efficiency = 96.5%

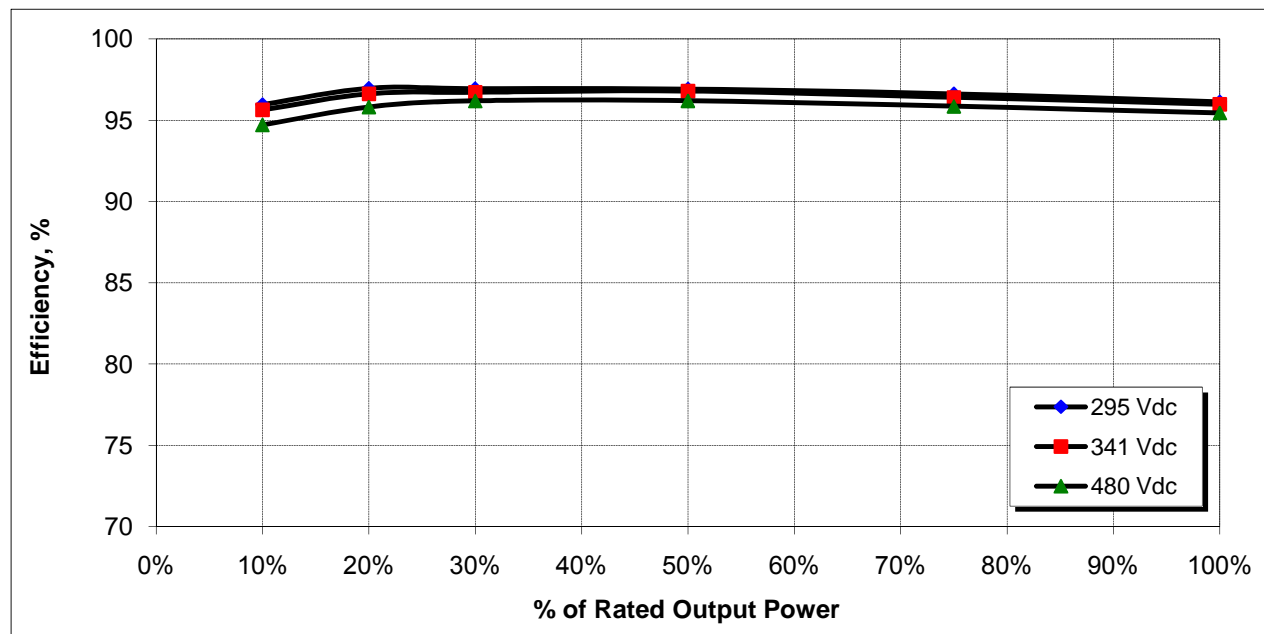


Figure F-2 PVP250kW (480VAC) Efficiency Curves

F.3 PVP260kW (480VAC) - Efficiency Curves

Input Voltage (Vdc)		Power Level (%; kW)						Wtd
		10%	20%	30%	50%	75%	100%	
Vmin	295	96.0	97.5	97.7	97.6	97.1	96.4	97.2
Vnom	341	95.6	97.3	97.5	97.4	97.0	96.4	97.0
Vmax	480	94.4	96.5	96.9	97.0	96.6	96.1	96.6

CEC Efficiency = 97.0%

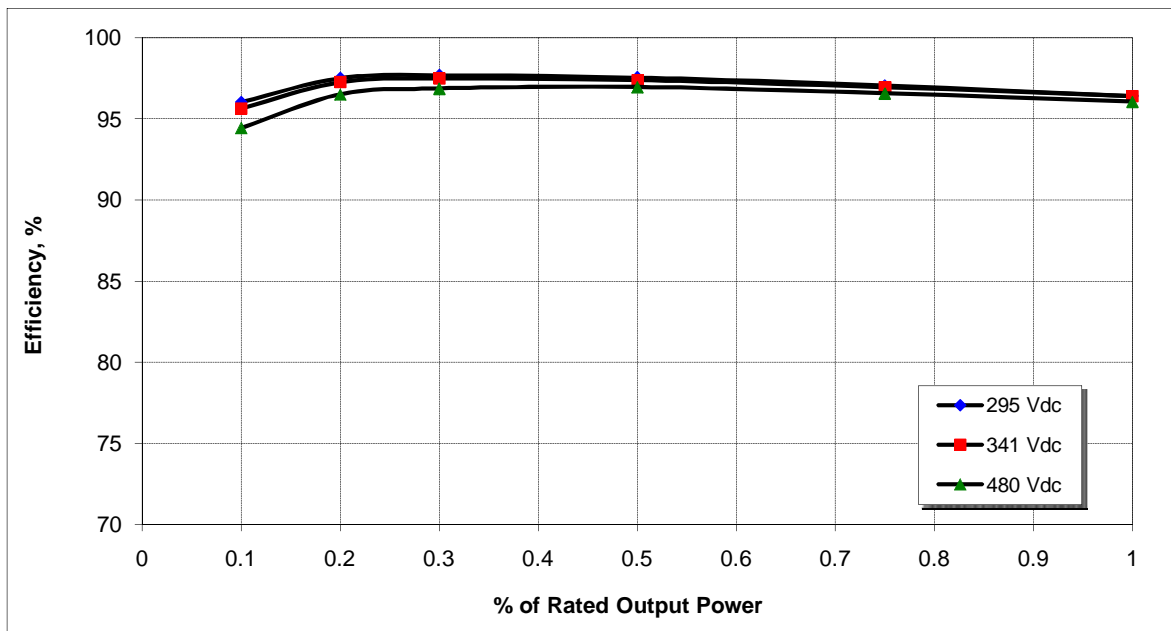


Figure F-3 PVP260kW (480VAC) Efficiency Curves

F.4 PVP260kW-LV (480VAC) - Efficiency Curves

Input Voltage (Vdc)		Power Level (%; kW)						Wtd
		10%	20%	30%	50%	75%	100%	
Vmin	265	26.00	52.00	78.00	130.00	195.00	260.00	97.1
Vnom	319	96.1	97.6	97.8	97.5	96.9	96.0	96.9
Vmax	480	95.6	97.3	97.5	97.3	96.7	95.9	96.9
		94.0	96.2	96.7	96.8	96.2	95.5	96.3

CEC Efficiency = 96.5%

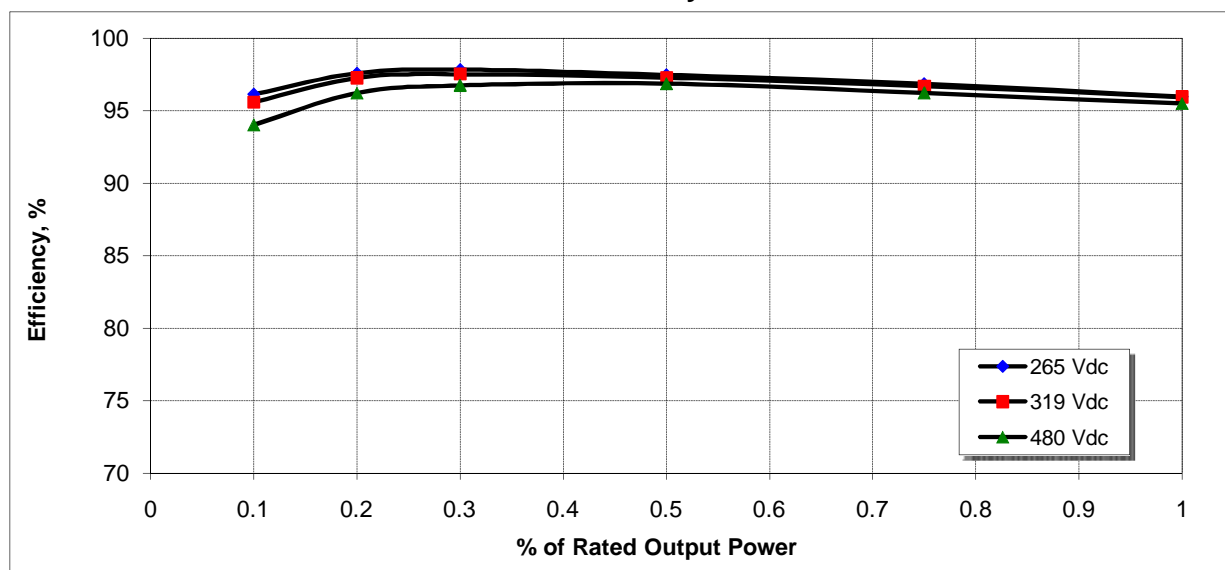


Figure F-4 PVP260kW-LV (480VAC) Efficiency Curves

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